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**NTBS515 HISTORY AND STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT: FROM THE
REFORMATION TO THE PRESENT**

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 48 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **ONE** question.
3. Each question carries 100 marks
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

1. Scientific discoveries, historical movements, intellectual and cultural movements on the continent of Europe, have influenced the study and interpretation of the Old Testament.
 - a) Give a critical summary of the influences of scientific discoveries, intellectual and cultural movements on the continent of Europe on the study and interpretation of the Old Testament. [30]
 - b) Examine any intellectual and cultural movements on the continent of Africa that in your view may have influenced the reading and interpretation of the Old Testament. [30]
 - c) Using what you have learnt about the influence on Old Testament interpretation of scientific discoveries, historical movements, intellectual and cultural movements from both Europe and Africa, interpret a text of your choice from the Old Testament. [40]

2. In the history of the interpretation of the Old Testament, the term 'historical critical method' has not been homogenous.
 - a) Give a critical summary of scholarly views on the meaning of the term 'historical critical method'. [30]
 - b) Examine the issues associated with the reception and significance of the historical critical method with respect to the study of the Old Testament. [30]
 - c) Interpret a text of your choice from the Old Testament and use the interpretation to illustrate the usefulness of this method to the study and interpretation of the Old Testament within your context. [40]

3. The terms synchronic, diachronic, pretext, context, ideology and interpretation are terms that are used in the study and interpretation of the Old Testament.
 - a) Analyze the meaning of each of the terms in the statement above within the context of the study and interpretation of the Old Testament. [30]
 - b) In the light of your understanding of the meaning of each of the terms you provided in a) above, organize them into pairs depending on their relationship and relevance in the study and interpretation of the Old Testament. [30]
 - c) Interpret a text of your choice from the Old Testament to demonstrate the meaning, relationship and relevance of the pairs in b) to the study and interpretation of the Old Testament within your context. [40]

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