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**NTBS517 MAJOR THEMES IN THE STUDY OF MONARCHIC AND PROPHETIC
TRADITIONS**

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 questions.
3. Each question carries 100 marks
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

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1. From your reading of the Old Testament from the books of Deuteronomy to 2 Kings:
 - a) Summarize Martin Noth (1902 – 1968)’s views on the concerns of the writer(s) of the books; **[20]**
 - b) Using what you have learnt in class and from other scholars, give a critique of Noth’s views on those concerns in the light of the circumstances surrounding the origins of the monarchy reported in these texts. **[40]**
 - c) Evaluate the role of the themes from these stories in assessing and enhancing the nature and quality of Christian leadership in Africa today. **[40]**

2. Prophets in ancient Israel were not overtly interested in foretelling but rather in forth-telling, which mostly involved criticizing the kings of that time. With reference to the story in 1 Kings 13:11-34, class presentations and notes:
 - a) Discuss the elements of prophetic forth-telling in the text. **[30]**
 - b) In the light of your own characterization of prophecy, justify why you think there is prophetic activity in the text. **[30]**
 - c) Explore the significance of this story to the nature, development and role of prophecy in ancient Israel. **[40]**

3. One of the theories on the origins of prophecy in Israel is that prophecy originated within, and, or, as a response to, the political institutions of ancient Israel.
 - a) With the aid of examples from the biblical prophetic literature, give your critique of this view. **[30]**
 - b) From your critique in a) above come up with your own theory on the relationship between prophecy and kingship in ancient Israel. **[30]**
 - c) How would you characterize the relationship between prophecy and political power in any African country of your choice today? **[40]**

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