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**TBS310 INTRODUCTION TO WISDOM LITERATURE**

**END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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**DURATION: 48 HOURS**

***INSTRUCTIONS***

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **ONE** the question.
3. Marks for each question are indicated.
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

1. Wisdom traditions are found in every society. These traditions express, promote and safeguard a society's worldview(s) and ways of making sense and making the best out of life.'
  - a) Briefly describe your understanding of the statement above; [10]
  - b) Highlight and discuss the unique characteristics of ancient Israelite wisdom as it is expressed in Old Testament wisdom literature. [40]
  - c) Compare and contrast ancient Israelite wisdom and wisdom forms in your society. [50]
  
2. 'The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings addressed to the young at heart providing them with various kinds of advice'.
  - a) With the aid of relevant examples, critique the statement above; [40]
  - b) Examine the kind of wisdom taught to the young people today in your local context, paying particular attention to (i) the nature and relevance of this wisdom, (ii) how the wisdom is imparted and (iii) who is responsible for teaching this wisdom. [60]
  
3. The doctrine of divine retribution is one of the teachings that is taught, reflected upon, critiqued in Old Testament wisdom literature.
  - a) Summarize the doctrine of divine retribution as it is taught, reflected upon and critiqued in Old Testament wisdom literature; [25]
  - b) Using the book of Job, critically assess the belief that God rewards the righteous and punishes the wicked; [35]
  - c) Demonstrate how you would use the book of Job in the situations of human loss and suffering. [40]

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