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FIRST SESSION 2011 MAIN EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER

COURSE CODE	TBS 101
COURSE TITLE	Introduction to Biblical Literature and Interpretation
GROUP	B Ed (Block release)
EXAMINER	Rev. T. M. Munengwa
DATE	December, 2011
DURATION	3 Hours
INSTRUCTIONS	1. Answer all questions in Section A 2. Answer three questions from section B

Section A

1. Write brief notes on

- a. The language of the Old Testament (5)
- b. Criteria for tracing the canonization of the New Testament (5)
- c. Jamnia (5)
- d. The canonization of the Gospels (5)
- e. Source criticism (5)

Section B

- 2. Discuss the contribution of the Masoretes to the text of the Hebrew Bible. (25)
- 3. Describe the characteristics of the three dominant groups found in 1st century AD Judaism. (25)
- 4. What is form criticism? Assess its usefulness in the study of the Gospels (25)
- 5. What is the Historical Critical Method? Assess its merits and demerits. (25)
- 6. Discuss the contribution of Marcion of Sinope in the process of the canonization of the New Testament. (25)
- 7. Discuss the theory concerning the formation of the Deuteronomistic History. (25)