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NTBS611 CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES**

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 24 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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1. An 'industry' offering 'goods and services' in personal growth and development continues to grow in our time. There is a plethora of reasons, activities, practices, strategies and frameworks for facilitating and assessing personal growth and development.
 - a. Discuss the term 'personal growth and development' from both the contemporary and Old Testament perspectives. **[50]**
 - b. Examine the view(s), if any, of the Old Testament scholars concerning issues of personal growth and development. **[50]**

2. Of late the theory and practice of servant leadership has generated a number of debates.
 - a. Provide a critical summary of the views of any author you have read concerning the theory and practice of servant leadership. **[30]**
 - b. Demonstrate how the Old Testament texts have or may contribute to the assumptions, theory and practice of servant leadership. **[30]**
 - c. With the aid of examples, discuss the practicability and relevance of this theory and practice to your context. **[40]**

3. The corona virus pandemic has generated various responses aimed at eradicating, containing and stopping the spread of the virus, on the one hand, and facilitating the recovery and mental health of the infected and affected, on the other hand. Students of the Old Testament have shared reflections on this pandemic in the light of the Old Testament and their faith.
 - a. Write a critical review of Walter Brueggemann's book, *Virus as a summons to faith...*, 2020. **[30]**
 - b. Analyse the legitimacy of Brueggemann's approach and use of the Old Testament in his *Virus as a summons to faith*, 2020. **[30]**
 - c. Using a text or texts from the Old Testament, generate your own Old Testament hermeneutical model that can be used to reflect on the present corona virus pandemic, highlighting your assumptions, approach and their legitimacy. **[40]**

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