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DIV1101 Introduction to Biblical Literature & Interpretation

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer **ANY THREE (3)** questions.
2. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.
3. All questions carry equal marks.
4. Credit will be awarded for legible, logical, systematic and neat presentation.
5. Do not repeat material.

INSTRUCTION: Answer ANY THREE (3) questions.

Question 1

Write brief notes on **ANY TWO** of the following:

- i) canon and criteria for canonicity;
- ii) 'Proto' and 'deutero' canonical books;
- iii) Marcion;
- iv) Q Source.

[100marks]

Question 2

Discuss the canonical position of Apocryphal books.

[100marks]

Question 3

Giving examples, examine **ANY** three categories of literature found in the Old Testament.

[100marks]

Question 4

Compare and contrast the religious views of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Essenes.

[100marks]

Question 5

Evaluate the economic and political environment of Palestine in Jesus' time.

[100marks]

Question 6

Discuss any two methods related to ideological criticism that you learned in this course.

[100marks]

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