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NTBS104 INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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DURATION: 5 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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1. There are quite a number of Jewish sects or parties in the New Testament and a knowledge of each one of them helps us to understand the New Testament better.
 - a) Discuss beliefs and practices of any two of the Jewish sects or parties in the New Testament highlighting how these beliefs and practices knowledge helps us to understand the New Testament better. [40]
 - b) Analyse your beliefs and practices, and those of some members of your local church, which you think resemble the beliefs and practices of the Pharisees and the Essenes. [60]
2. 'The conquests of Alexander the Great resulted in the spread of Hellenization'
 - a) Demonstrate your understanding of the concept of 'Hellenization' during the Inter-Testament period. [40]
 - b) Assess the validity of the claim that 'The conquests of Alexander the Great resulted in the spread of Hellenization' in the Greco-Macedonian region, including Palestine, during the Inter-Testament period. [60]
3. Stoicism and Epicureanism were some of the Greek philosophical movements during the Inter-Testament period.
 - a) Give a critical summary of the historical origins, beliefs or teachings and practices of **EITHER** Stoicism **OR** Epicureanism. [40]
 - b) As a budding New Testament scholar, examine some of the influences in terms of beliefs or teachings and practices both philosophical movements, Stoicism and Epicureanism, may have had on Christianity today. [60]

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