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NTBS 308 PROPHETS 1

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 5 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do **NOT** write your name on the answer sheet
2. Answer **ONE** Question
3. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

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1. It is difficult to distinguish between true and false prophets.
 - a) Assess the extent to which this difficulty to distinguish between true and false prophets applied to Ancient Israelite prophets. **[40]**
 - b) With reference to relevant examples of prophets in your country, debate whether or not the distinction between true and false prophets remains a challenge in the society today. **[60]**

2. Politically, Ahijah's anointing of Jeroboam might have been an attempt by the prophetic office to balance power in the affairs of the state.
 - a) Discuss the role of Ahijah of Shiloh in the politics of ancient Israel. **[40]**
 - b) Compare Ahijah's role in the politics of ancient Israel with the role religious leaders play in the politics of your country today. **[60]**

3. Responding to what they perceived as the demands of their call, prophets in Ancient Israel spoke against dehumanizing conditions that the people suffered and spoke for the marginalized.
 - a) Assess the validity of this statement and show whether prophets in the contemporary society have a similar role. **[50]**
 - b) Debate the view that prophets today are influenced more by their historical situation than their call. **[50]**

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