

# COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES NTBS309 PROPHETS II

## 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. Each question carries 100 marks.

Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work

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- 1. Old Testament scholars observe that the historical, political, socio-economic and religious dynamics of the time influenced both the content of the message of the Prophets in the Old Testament and the manner in which they delivered the message as well as the reaction or response the prophets got from their various audiences.
  - a) Assess the extent to which the above observation may have been true for **EITHER** the prophet Isaiah **OR** the prophet Amos. **[50]**
  - b) Select one prophet you know very well from your home country. Examine how historical, political, socio-economic and religious or cultural circumstances prevailing in your home country may be influencing his prophetic ministry.
- 2. In the messages of various prophets in the Old Testament Yahweh occupied a very central place in determining the various themes the prophets carried in their prophetic messages.
  - a) Assess the validity of this claim that 'Hosea's marriage to Gomer is a summary of Yahweh's relationship to Israel.' [50]
  - b) Defend the claim that the theme of Yahweh's monotheism dominates the book of Deutero-Isaiah. [50]
- 3. In their prophetic ministry, prophets in the Old Testament were either accepted or rejected based on the stance they took in relationship to the positions or stances of their respective audiences.
  - a) Examine the validity of the view that the prophet Jeremiah created enemies for himself because of his pro-Babylon stance. [50]
  - b) Select one prophet you know very well from your home country. Explore some of the reasons why various audiences in your home country either accept or reject the prophetic ministry of the prophet you selected. [50]

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