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**NTBS510 HISTORY AND METHOD IN THE STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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**DURATION: 5 HOURS**

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***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. New Testament scholars agree in principle that Paul is the earliest writer in the New Testament. Yet Paul interpreted the Old Testament the Old Testament in the light of the Christ event, while the other New Testament writers probably interpreted both the Old Testament and Paul.
  - a) Examine the exegetical tools Paul employed in his interpretation of the OT in the light of the Christ event. [50]
  - b) Evaluate the importance of oral tradition during the writing of the New Testament. [50]
2. The interpretation of Scripture during the reformation laid a formidable foundation for the future interpretation of the Scripture.
  - a) Analyze the interpretation of Scripture by any TWO figures during the Reformation. [50]
  - b) In your opinion, how do the reformers' interpretations relate to biblical interpretation in some Christian communities today? [50]
3. Different approaches to Biblical interpretation have resulted in the division of the contemporary Church with each church taking its interpretation to be the correct one. Assuming this statement is correct:
  - a) Explain how biblical interpretation has divided churches on specific issues. [50]
  - b) To what extent do you think Augustine's approach to biblical interpretation would bring the Church together? [50]

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