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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2011

TITLE OF PAPER : A STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
COURSE CODE : IDE T2P1
DURATION : 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS : a. Choose and answer four questions in all.
b. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

All questions are worth 25 marks

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Question 1

Comment on the suggested overview of the compositional history of the Old Testament as presented by Jackson Flanders *et al* (1972). [25]

Question 2

Identify and explain Jewish beliefs about God underlying the primeval traditions in Genesis 1-11. [25]

Question 3

Pick relevant narratives in Genesis 12-50 to illustrate the following cultural values and assumptions of the Ancient Near East.

- a. Patriarchy;
- b. Honour and shame;
- c. Hospitality;
- d. Blessing/cursing;
- e. Family harmony.

[25]

Question 4

Discuss the view that the Decalogue in Exodus 20:1-17 represents distinctly Israelite law. [25]

Question 5

Do you think any religion should prescribe what adherents must and must not eat as Jewish religion does in the Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14? [25]

Question 6

Describe the distinctive Jewish understanding of prophecy. [25]

Question 7

Compare and contrast the contexts in which Isaiah of Jerusalem and Micah exercised their prophetic ministry. [25]

Question 8

Discuss the symbolism used in Ezekiel and how it fits in with the intended messages the prophet delivered.

Question 9

Haggai promises that the rebuilt Temple is going to be more magnificent than the Solomon Temple. Historically, this did not turn out to be the case. How then would you assess the value of Haggai's message in light of the fact that it did not materialise? [25]

Question 10

Discuss the canonical function of the book of Lamentations.

Question 11

Comment on the contents of the imprecatory Psalms. [25]

Question 12**Question 10**

Conduct a comparative analysis of Jewish prophecy and apocalypse. [25]