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**TRS 201 STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT II SUPPLEMENTARY
EXAMINATION JULY, 2015**

COURSE CODE : TRS 201
COURSE TITLE : Studies in the Old Testament II
DURATION : Two (2) Hrs.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.

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QUESTION 1

Identify five of several literary forms that are embedded in classical prophetic literature and explain their respective functions. [20]

QUESTION 2

Discuss the response of the respective audiences to the prophetic messages of Amos, Isaiah of Jerusalem and Jeremiah. [20]

QUESTION 3

Identify and analyse the communication strategies respectively used by prophets Ezekiel and Second Isaiah. Your analysis should include explanation for the rationale and intended effect of such communication strategies. [20]

QUESTION 4

Discuss Second Isaiah's incorporation of old covenant traditions into his message of hope to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. [20]

QUESTION 5

Identify and explain the literary features of the book of Lamentations. [20]

QUESTION 6

Discuss the ways in which *Song of Songs* does not conform to gender relations that prevailed in the ancient Jewish community. [20]

QUESTION 7

Matthews and Moyer (2012:250-251) observe that "people find it much easier to relate to the Psalms than to Leviticus and Deuteronomy". Elaborate on this observation and explain the probable basis for its validity. [20]

QUESTION 8

Discuss the characteristic of Jewish Wisdom as a distinct type of literature using fitting illustrations for any of the major books of Wisdom, i.e., *Proverbs*, *Job* and *Ecclesiastes*. [20]

Question 9

Either

Identify and discuss elements in the book of *Ruth* that are used by its author to argue against Ezra and Nehemiah's enforcement of socio-religious exclusivism in the post-exilic community.

[20]

Or

Analyse the use of irony to advance the main theme of the book of *Jonah*. [20]

Question 10

Identify aspects of the book of *Daniel* that have led to the supposition that Zoroastrianism may have influenced or reinforced the religious beliefs embedded in this Jewish apocalyptic text.

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