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## University Examinations 2024/2025

### THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

#### ECR 3301: CRITICAL STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Account for the major categories of the Old Testament Law (4 Marks)
- b) Explain the application of the theme of joy and celebration to the contemporary Christianity (3 Marks)
- c) What is the meaning of “Canon” as it applies to the Old Testament? (3 Marks)
- d) Analyze three categories of literary criticism in the Old Testament (3 Marks)
- e) The book of Exodus can be divided into five parts. Discuss (5 Marks)
- f) What are the three differences between Haggai and Zechariah? (3 Marks)
- g) Literary feature of Lamentations is interesting. Substantiate this statement (5 Marks)
- h) Examine four attributes of God revealed in Genesis (4 Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) The Bible provides the basis for many religious teachings. Analyze its Structure (10 Marks)
- b) Elucidate five functions of the Old Testament (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Analyze the main themes in the Old Testament (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss historical books as an element in the Old Testament (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Describe the history of the Israelites from their beginnings to their post-exilic period (10 Marks)
- b) Analyze the books in the Roman and Orthodox Catholic Bibles called the Apocrypha (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the outline of the book of Amos as provided by Millard and Stek in The NIV Study Bible (10 Marks)
- b) Haggai called for a rebuilding of the temple and right priorities. Explain (10 Marks)