

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2005

- TITLE OF PAPER** : **A STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**
- COURSE CODE** : **IDE-T2P1 (Part-time)**
- TIME ALLOWED** : **THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS** :
- 1. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND MUST BE ANSWERED BY ALL CANDIDATES.**
 - 2. CHOOSE ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.**
 - 3. CANDIDATES MUST ANSWER A TOTAL OF FOUR QUESTIONS.**
 - 4. YOU ARE ADVISED TO READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY AND PROVIDE A SCHOLARLY RESPONSE TO THE ONE YOU HAVE ELECTED TO ANSWER.**
 - 5. GOOD ENGLISH, KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPROPRIATE LITERATURE AND GOOD SKILL IN WRITING AN ARGUMENT, WILL ACCOUNT FOR AN ACCEPTABLE ANSWER.**

THIS QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1 [40] [This question is compulsory]

Write brief notes on each of the following:

- (a) Second Isaiah
- (b) Essence of the Torah
- (c) The Priestly Source ("P")
- (d) Salvation History
- (e) The abomination of desolation

QUESTION 2

Describe in detail the key themes of the Deuteronomistic History.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Discuss King David's major challenges as the second King of Israel. How did he overcome these challenges?

[20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the literary complexes in the biblical text that deal with Israel's shift from a tribal confederation to a monarchy. Indicate the advantages and disadvantages of this move according to some complexes.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 5

Explain the roles of Hezekiah, Manasseh and Josiah in the development of the monarchy state of Israel.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 6

Describe in detail the historical context of the prophecies of Amos and Hosea.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 7

Compare and contrast the language and imagery used by Isaiah, Amos and Hosea, explaining the significance of each linguistic function carefully.

QUESTION 8

"Jeremiah could see that part of the problem lay in a blind and foolish faith in the theology of the royal court, which clung to the dogma of the inviolability of Jerusalem". (Ceresko 1992:207). Discuss.