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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2008**

COURSE TITLE : T1P1/ IDE T1P1

COURSE CODE : INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES

DURATION : 2 (TWO) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. Question one is compulsory.
- c. Answer at least one question from each section.
- d. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

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SECTION I

1. Distinguish between devotional and scholarly readings of the Bible. Your answer must indicate the different interests that the two respectively serve. [20]
2. Describe with examples the three broad categories of interpretation methods that have developed in the post-modern period (from 1970s to the present). [20]
3. What is a canon? Why was the Jewish canon formed? [20]
4. Discuss the strength as weakness of the Documentary Hypothesis. [20]
5. With reference to the overarching ideas expressed in the book of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job explain the characteristics of Jewish wisdom and its internal tensions. [20]
6. How did Diaspora Jews practise their religion? [20]

SECTION II

7. Describe and comment on the functions of the following subsidiary literary forms found in Gospel material.
 - a) Parables
 - b) Sayings
 - c) Pronouncement stories
 - d) Miracle stories
 - e) Myths[20]
8. Discuss the observation that the *Acts of the Apostles* "is not a disinterested record of history". [20]
9. What was the value of the Letters written by apostles and their disciples to the early church? [20]
10. Discuss the challenges that accompany the process of translating the Bible from the two original languages in which the Hebrew and Christian canons were composed. [20]