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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 2014

**COURSE CODE: TRS 201**  
**COURSE TITLE: STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT II**  
**DURATION: 2HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.
- c. Your answer to each question should not exceed two pages in length.

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INVIGILATOR GIVES YOU PERMISSION TO DO SO**

**TRS 201 Studies in the Old Testament II (S), July 2014**

**Question 1**

Critically explain the advice that Prophet Isaiah of Jerusalem gave to King Ahaz as contained in Chapters 7 of the book of Isaiah. [20]

**Question 2**

Discuss diatribe on idolatry contained in Chapter 44:9-20 of the book of Isaiah. [20]

**Question 3**

Analyse the ways in which the book of Malachi reflects the corruption of the priestly class during the Second Temple period and the resultant protest against such corruption by ordinary members of Jewish society during this time. [20]

**Question 4**

Identify and explain the ways in which the book of Lamentations addresses the issue of the justice of God. [20]

**Question 5**

Using appropriate examples drawn from the Psalms identify and discuss key theological themes that underlie the psalm content. [20]

**Question 6**

Discuss the two-fold orientation of Jewish Wisdom as reflected in Old Testament wisdom texts. [20]

**Question 7**

Analyse how the books of Ruth, Esther and Jonah reflect the experiences of Jews in Diaspora. [20]

**Question 8**

Analyse how the book of Daniel significantly addresses the theme of religion and identity. [20]