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TRS 102 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 2016

TITLE OF PAPER : THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SACRED TEXTS
COURSE CODE : TRS 102
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Choose and **answer three (3) questions in all.**
2. Choose **at least one (1) question from each section.**
3. Write in **clear, grammatically correct sentences.**
4. The **paper consists of two (2) printed pages including the cover page.**
5. **All questions carry equal marks.**

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Section A

Question 1

Explain, in detail, the contributions of Jean Astruc (1684 – 1766) in studies of the "Old" Testament. [20]

Question 2

Using specific examples, discuss reasons why, within Jewish tradition, individual rabbis and even scholars, it has been argued that the Torah has clues indicating that it was not entirely written by Moses? [20]

Question 3

What do you learn about the religious practices of the Israelites in the time of Amos? Support your answer with evidence from the primary text. [20]

Question 4

Briefly explain the following descriptive terms used in your reading of sacred texts studied in this course:
(a) Jewish Bible;
(b) Christian Bible. [20]

Section B

Question 5

In your view, why was it necessary to include multiple – Marcan, Matthean, Lucan and Johannine – traditions about Jesus in the New Testament? [20]

Question 6

Why did Paul write the Letter to the Philippians? Illustrate your answer with relevant passages from the primary text. [20]

Question 7

"Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666" (Rev. 13:18). Discuss various interpretations pertaining to the beast named in Revelation. [20]

Question 8

Why is the authenticity of Colossians heavily disputed? Support your response citing relevant scriptural passages. [20]