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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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MASTER OF ART IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: MBT505

COURSE TITLE: THE SOCIAL WORLD OF THE BIBLE

EXAM DATE: WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2019

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 5.30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- This paper has **Five** questions
- Answer **Three** questions. Question 1 is compulsory.

Section A: Answer ALL questions(20 marks)

1. In the ancient Israel, the subject of ethnicity was well established.
 - a) Critically discuss three ethnic identifiers and boundary markers of early Israel.
(12 marks)
 - b) Discuss external and internal aspects of ethnic identity.
(4 marks)

- c) Explain how ethnicity is fluid in Christ Jesus in relationship to a Christian. (4 marks)

Section B: Answer ANY TWO questions (20 marks)

2. To interpret the Bible correctly, you need to understand its social world.

- a) Discuss the significance of studying the Bible in its social world context. (6 marks)
- b) In your contemporary world, explain two ways in which studying the social world of the Bible can help in the interpretation and application of the biblical message. (4 marks)

3. In the New Testament we find the imagery of the Church's marriage to Christ as His virgin bride which can be better understood through the wedding customs of ancient Israel.

- a) Discuss the importance of betrothal in ancient Israel. (6 marks)
- b) Explain how the rich imagery of the Church's marriage to Christ is depicted in the wedding customs of ancient Israel. (4 marks).

4. Circumcision is metaphorically used in both the Old Testament and New Testament.

- a) Discuss three metaphorical uses of circumcision and un-circumcision in the Bible. Give biblical references to support your answers. (6 marks)
- b) In contemporary Christianity, explain the significance of circumcision and un-circumcision according to the Bible. (4 marks)

5. In the history of the Israel, passover has been considered to be a festival of supreme importance.
- a) Discuss the significance of the Passover in the Old Testament. Give biblical references to support your answers. (6marks)
 - b) Explain how Jesus is the Passover lamb in the New Testament.(4 marks)