



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**END OF SESSION EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
ARTS IN TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

JANUARY-APRIL 2026

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

COURSE CODE: BTCL2243

COURSE TITLE: GENERAL EPISTLES

EXAM DATE: TUESDAY April 15th 2026

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- **Answer question ONE & TWO and any other TWO questions**
- All other PAC University rules and regulations

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTIONS

Question 1

A local church in East Africa is experiencing serious internal conflict. Some members favor wealthy individuals in leadership positions, while poorer members feel marginalized. Gossip and division have begun to spread in the congregation. The church leadership invites you to teach from the Epistle of James to address the issue.

Using relevant passages from the General Epistles, respond to the following:

- a) Identify two teachings from James that address favoritism and social division in the church. (5 marks)
- b) Suggest two practical ministry actions that church leaders in Africa today can implement to restore unity based on these teachings. (5 marks) *(Assesses Outcomes 1, 3, 4, and 5)*

Question 2

Select one General Epistle and answer the following:

- a) Briefly describe the historical background and audience of the epistle. (3 marks)
- b) Identify two major theological themes found in the epistle and explain their significance. (6 marks) *(Assesses Outcomes 1, 2, and 6)*

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

Question 3

Discuss two pastoral teachings found in the General Epistles (4 marks), explaining their relevance to the early Christian communities and evaluating their importance for Christian leadership today (6marks). *(Assesses Outcomes 3 and 6)*

Question 4

- a) Identify one verse from the General Epistles that is commonly misinterpreted today (2marks)
- b) Explain how this misinterpretation has contributed to false teaching in the church (2 marks)
- c) Demonstrate how sound hermeneutical principles should be applied to interpret the verse correctly (6 marks). *(Assesses Outcome 2)*

Question 5

Many African churches today face challenges such as false teachings, prosperity theology, tribal divisions, and persecution. Using teachings from the General Epistles, discuss how the church can respond biblically to two of these challenges (10 marks) *(Assesses Outcome 4)*

Question 6

Critically evaluate the statement:

“The message of the General Epistles is essential for shaping Christian character and community life in the modern church.”

Support your discussion with biblical evidence from at least two General Epistles and reflect on their relevance for African Christianity today (10 marks). (*Assesses Outcome 6*)