



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

END OF TERM EXAMINATION

BIL3813: BIBLICAL CRITICISM - VR

THURSDAY MARCH 26TH, 2015

1800HRS – 2100HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- This exam paper has **Two** Sections A & B
- Answer **All** questions in section A and **Three** from section B
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- Read all questions carefully before attempting.
- Bibles will be provided.

SECTION A: Compulsory Questions (30 Marks)

1. Based on your reading of R. K. Harrison, discuss the historical and literary criticism of the Old Testament. (10 Marks).
2. Discuss textual criticism of the Hebrew manuscripts (Old Testament canon) with respect to the ancient versions such as the Septuagint, the Aramaic Targums, and the Old Latin and Vulgate. (10 Marks)
3. Feminist interpretation of the Bible is rooted in the feminist critical consciousness that women and men are fully human and fully equal. This consciousness is opposed to teachings and sections that reinforce the social system that oppresses women and other groups in society. Do you agree with the affirmation of this critical consciousness? In the light of Ephesians 5:21- 33 and Galatians 3:28-29, interpret 1 Timothy 2:9-15 so that it is less offensive to the feminist consciousness. (10 Marks)

SECTION B: Answer any three Questions (ONLY) in this Section (30 Marks)

1. Explain the four main groups of common causes of textual troubles; expounding on each cause and citing Scriptural reference as example in your defense. (10 Marks)
2. Exhaustively describe the work Critics have done to shed light to the Synoptic Gospels. (10 Marks)
3. Discuss Julius Wellhausen criticism of the Pentateuch, stating your position on the same. (10 Marks).
4. Describe the significance of the broad categories, as well as the subdivisions of Biblical criticism to the subject of Biblical hermeneutics. (10 Marks).
5. Based on your studies in this course, present a logical defense of the veracity of the Biblical text to the contemporary critics and skeptics. (10 Marks)