



**PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY
MARCH – AUGUST 2022**

CAMPUS: ONLINE

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

**COURSE CODE: BTH 3353
COURSE TITLE: GENERAL EPISTLES**

EXAM DATE:

TIME:

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer ALL Questions in Section A
- Answer ANY TWO questions in Section B
- *PAC University examination regulations apply.*

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions. (20 marks)

1. The General Epistles occupy an important place in the canon of scripture:
 - a) Discuss the meaning of the term General Epistles. (2 marks)
 - b) Using scriptural references discuss the reasons that occasioned the writing of any three of the general epistles. (12 marks)
 - c) Explain two ways in which the message of the general epistles is relevant for the church today. (6 marks)

SECTION B: Answer ANY TWO questions. (20 marks)

2. Martin Luther referred to the epistle of James as “an epistle of straw.”
 - a) Evaluate two of Luther’s arguments against the epistle. (8 marks)
 - b) Describe one lesson we can learn as theologians from Luther’s statements. (2 marks)
3. The epistle of 2 Peter and the epistle of Jude may be studied from different vantage points.
 - a) Explain two ways in which the epistle of 2 Peter compares with the epistle of Jude. (6 marks)
 - b) Discuss the relevance of the epistle of Jude in the church today. (4 marks)
4. Johannine Epistles profile certain insights into the life and teachings of Christ:
 - a) Giving scriptural references, describe two major Christological issues addressed in the 1st and 2nd epistles of John. (6 marks)
 - b) Discuss the significance of the Christological issues to the Christian faith. (4 marks)
5. Discuss five benefits of studying the General Epistles in the life of a Christian. (10 marks)