



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF DIVINITY**

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2021

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: MDV505

COURSE TITLE: PENTATEUCH

EXAM DATE: DECEMBER 2021

TIME:

TIME ALLOWED: 3HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet.
- Section A is compulsory.
- Answer ANY TWO questions in Section B.
- Unmarked Bibles will be provided.
- *PAC University examination regulations apply.*

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the importance of studying the Ancient Near East (ANE) backgrounds to the interpretation of the Pentateuch. Give one example of this. (4 marks).
- b) Discuss the overarching theme in Leviticus and its implications on the Israelite nation. Give contextual examples for the church today. (4 marks).
- c) Critically evaluate the views of the Documentary Hypothesis concerning the authorship of the Pentateuch. (6 marks).
- d) Articulate the main themes in Genesis that serve as the guiding force behind the entire pentateuchal narrative. Give scriptural references support to your answers. (6 marks).

SECTION B: Answer ANY TWO Questions (20 marks)

- 1. The Book of Exodus provides a pivotal link in the development of the Pentateuch.
 - a) Clearly articulate the key themes in the book Exodus and their relevance to the church today. (4 marks).
 - b) Critically evaluate the behavior of the Egyptian midwives by their defiance disobedience to the king's command. (6 marks).
- 2. The Pentateuch is anchored in the Character of Abraham and his descendants.
 - a) Discuss the centrality of the call of Abraham in the pentateuchal narrative (4 marks).
 - b) Examine the relationship between Yahweh and the Israelites in the book of numbers and its implications in the church today. (6 marks).
- 3. Genesis details the foundations of Christian theology:
 - a) Articulate the theology of the primeval history in Genesis 1-11 (4 marks).
 - b) Compare and contrast the Genesis creation against those of the Ancient Near East (ANE) myths. (6 marks)

4. The Pentateuch is the subject of interrogative scholarly discourses.
- a) Articulate answers to higher critical attacks on the unity of the Pentateuch. (4 marks).
 - b) Discuss the purpose of Deuteronomy and its relevance to the church, today. (6 marks).