



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 201: CRITICAL STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TEXTS

DATE: 27/9/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Discuss what makes understanding of Old Testament difficult. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the factors that influenced their writing (10 marks)
- c) Discuss the structural organization of The Old Testament. (10 marks)
2. a) Differentiate between the early and classical prophets. (5 marks)
- b) Evaluate the role of the prophets in shaping up Israel nationhood (15 marks)
3. There are four assumptions in the interpretation of the Old Testament text. Discuss(20 marks)
4. Discuss specific principles applicable in the interpretation of the prophecy as genre in the Old Testament text. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the major Theological themes in the book of Psalms. (20 marks)