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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION ARTS

ARE 0102: INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES

DATE: 5/12/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Three Questions Only. Question One Is Compulsory

1. a) The canon of the Old Testament was duly identified and ratified by several witnesses.
Explain these witnesses (10 marks)
- b) Identify the literary forms used in the writing of the Bible (10 marks)
- c) With reference to the Biblical stories of creation in Genesis 1 and 2, outline the relationship between human beings and God (10 marks)
2. a) Giving examples and illustrations where possible, explain what is meant by 'the Gospel of Paul' (10 marks)
- b) Identify ways in which Paul's understanding of sin is relevant for the church today? (10 marks)
3. Discuss how Paul's teaching about salvation is relevant for today (20 marks)
4. Explain reasons why the Bible had to be compiled into its present form by the early Christians (20 marks)
5. a) Explain how the Holy Spirit is working in the church today (10 marks)
- b) Outline ways in which the New Testament is a continuation of the Old Testament (10 marks)