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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

ARE 528: METHODS FOR BIBLICAL TEXTUAL STUDIES

DATE: 29/4/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between higher criticism and lower criticism. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of Biblical criticism to the study of the Bible. (10 marks)
- c) Theology and scientific inquiry are not hostile to each other. Discuss. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Demonstrate how source criticism is different from other biblical criticisms. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the main evidences for the composite nature of the Pentateuch. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the four distinctive genre of Form Criticism from the Old Testament.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Describe the various forms of Form Criticism in the Bible, highlighting the limitations of each.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe redaction criticism and highlight its main weaknesses.