



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 201: CRITICAL STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TEXT

DATE: 7/3/2023

TIME: 2.00 – 4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the six periods of the History of Israel. (20 marks)
- b) Explain the significance of the historical geography of the Old Testament (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Describe the Canonization of the Old Testament noting the significant versions of the Old Testament Text. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) State and describe the six literary forms in the Old Testament (14 marks)
- b) Explain the rationale for the Critical Literary Study of the Old Testament. (6marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Define Hermeneutics. (2 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of biblical hermeneutics (18 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the rationale of studying the course Critical study of the Old Testament Text to students. (20 marks)