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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ARE 202: CRITICAL STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS

DATE: 29/4/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Explain why are some of the gospels classified as synoptic gospels? (10 marks)
 - b) Explain why “Markan theory” is one of the most convincing solutions to the synoptic problem. (10 marks)
 - c) The New Testament has been and still is the Christian code of faith. Discuss. (10 marks)
2. Explain the structural organization of The New Testament. (20 marks)
3. Discuss the process of canonization of the New Testament texts. (20 marks)
4.
 - a) Explain what we mean by infancy narratives. (10 marks)
 - b) Account for the differences in the infancy narratives between Mathew’s and Luke’s gospel. (10 marks)
5. Analyze the first letter of John with reference to:
 - a) Purpose of the letter (10 marks)
 - b) Some textual problems. (10 marks)