



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANTIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ARE 201: OLD TESTAMENT CRITICAL TEXTS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

Give brief answers to the following questions.

- Define source criticism and explain key assumptions of textual critics. (6 marks)
- Give a brief history of the origins of historical criticism. (6 marks)
- Explain the process of doing textual criticism. (6 marks)
- Briefly explain *codex sinaiticus* in the critical study of the Old Testament texts. (6 marks)
- Define form criticism and give its significance in the Old Testament scholarship. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Briefly discuss Masoretic text in textual critical studies of the Old Testament.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the history of traditional text in the context of the critical study of the Old Testament.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss briefly the key hypothesis that explains the textual composition of the Pentateuch in the Old Testament.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Define and explain in detail the significance of redaction criticism in the critical study of the Old Testament texts.