



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

ARE 201: OLD TESTAMENT CRITICAL TEXTS

DATE: 19/8/2021

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

Give brief answers to the following questions.

- a) Define textual criticism and explain key assumptions of textual critics. (6 marks)
- b) Give a brief history of the origins of textual criticism. (6 marks)
- c) Explain the process of doing textual criticism (6 marks)
- d) Briefly explain the role of Jerome in the critical study of the Old Testament. (6 marks)
- e) Define literary criticism and give its significance in the Old Testament scholarship (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

List and briefly explain the key manuscripts relied upon by textual critical scholars of the Old Testament.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the differences between the traditional text and the critical text and give details about the transmission of each text.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss two themes of the Old Testament biblical theology and their significance in New Testament theology.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Explain in detail one method of doing the Old Testament biblical theology and its specific application to one genre of the Old Testament.