



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
ARE 201: CRITICAL STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TEXT

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the six highlighted periods of the History of Israel (12mks)
- b) Explain the significance of the historical geography of the Old Testament(8mks)
- c) Describe the Canonization of the Old Testament noting the significant versions (10mks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Expound on the Biblical Criticism in the Theology of the Old Testament noting the five forms of Biblical Criticism. (20mks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

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

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

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

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Exodus is a book of revelation, redemption, ethics and the law. Discuss. (20mks)