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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

RELI 433: OLD TESTAMENT HERMENEUTICS

STREAMS: B.A

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 16/12/2024

2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer all the questions in section A and any other two in Section B.

SECTION A

- 1.a). Explain what the term hermeneutics mean. (5 Marks)
- b). Justify that hermeneutics is both an art and a science. (5 Marks)
- c.) Discuss the extent in which the following are challenges to proper and accurate biblical interpretation:
- i) Ancient biblical languages. (5 Marks)
- ii) Geomorphology of Palestine (5Marks)
- iii) Judeo-Christian Culture (5 Marks)
- iv) Ancient Palestinian historical context (5 Marks)

SECTION B

- 2). Explain the major components of biblical criticisms which are relevant in Old Testament Hermeneutics. (20 Marks)
- 3.) What does the term genre mean? Classify the Old Testament into major genres. How is this classification helpful to interpreters? (20 Marks)
- 4). Describe what the term canon mean. Why is an understanding of canonicity important in biblical interpretation? (20 Marks)
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