



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF DIVINITY**

MAY – AUGUST 2019

SPECIAL PAPER

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU
DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
COURSE CODE: MDV609
COURSE TITLE: WISDOM LITERATURE
EXAM DATE: THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 2019
TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM
DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- This paper has Nine questions
- Answer ALL questions in Section A
- Answer ANY TWO questions in Section B
- You are allowed to use the Bible that has been provided
- All PAC University examination regulations apply

Section A: Answer ALL Questions

1. Parallelism is a literary method that is common to Hebrew poetry. Discuss three different forms of parallelism used in OT Poetry. (3 marks)
2. Wisdom literature has been categorized into three distinct forms. Name and describe the forms showing the book that represents each form. (3 marks)
3. Explain the literary method used by the implied author of Ecclesiastes to encourage his son to love and serve God. (3 marks)
4. Name and describe the six genres of the Psalms (6 marks)
5. The Psalter comprises 150 separate compositions which are divided into five books. Delineate the five books and indicate their identifying features in the Hebrew Bible. (5 marks)

Section B: Answer ANY TWO Questions

6. “The message of the book of Ecclesiastes can correct the prosperity preacher’s view of God, ministry of the word”; discuss. (10 marks)
7. The implied author of the book of Job used wisdom of Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zoophar to show their theological stand on theodicy and in particular retribution theology.
Using insights from God’s self revelation in Job 38-42, counter the African theologians who posit that African pre-Christian theologies can be used as bases for understanding Christian theology (10 marks)
8. Most of Africa has dichotomized lifestyle into the “secular” and “sacred”. Reflecting on Song of Songs, speak to the church on the need to address issues of love, romance and sex as aspects in discipleship and spiritual formation. (10 marks)
9. Apply characteristics of Bible based wisdom values to show how the Church in Kenya can prophetically speak against vices in the society. (10 marks)