



**PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGY
January to April 2025**

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU (ONLINE)

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: MBT 505/MDV 604

COURSE TITLE: The Social World of the Bible

EXAM DATE: Thursday

TIME: 5.30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- ☐ Read the questions carefully before you write the answers.
- ☐ Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- ☐ This paper has **Five** questions
- ☐ Answer **Three** questions. Question 1 is compulsory.

Section A: Answer ALL questions (20 marks)

1. Discuss **FOUR** reasons why studying the Bible's social world helps Christians interpret and apply the Bible in their local context. (10 marks)
2. Explain **TWO** advantages and **TWO** disadvantages of the social-scientific approach in understanding and bridging the social events assumed in the Bible to today's Christianity. (10 marks)

Section B: Answer ANY TWO questions (20 marks)

3. Examine Apostle Paul's understanding of Gentiles' kinship with Israel based on shared spirit in the light of God's plan for all ethnic groups. Provide **TWO** biblical references in support of your answers. (10 marks)
4. Discuss **FOUR** perspectives of ethnic conflict between traditional Judaism and Hellenized Jews in Acts 6. (10 marks).
5. Explain **FOUR** symbolic uses of circumcision and uncircumcision in the Bible and provide biblical verses to support your answers. (10 marks)
6. Examine **FOUR** biblical concepts of household and kinship in ancient Israel and their importance in interpreting the Bible in the African context. (10 marks)