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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELORS OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2018

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: BIL3813

COURSE TITLE: BIBLICAL CRITICISM

DATE: TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your STUDENT NUMBER in Answers Booklet given.
- This paper has SEVEN questions.
- Answer ALL questions in Section A and ANY TWO in Section B
- You are allowed to use unmarked Bibles.
- *Write clearly and legibly.*
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions

1. Define the following terms. (10 marks)
 - a) Textual criticism
 - b) Canonical criticism
 - c) Palaeography
 - d) Dittography
 - e) Historical criticism
2. List and explain FIVE reasons to justify the importance of Biblical criticism. Give relevant contextual examples to support your answers. (15 marks)
3. List THREE important witnesses to the text of the New Testament. Give examples to support your answers. (5 marks)

SECTION B: Answer ANY TWO questions

4. Archeology is a partner discipline to biblical criticism.
 - a) Discuss the role of archaeology in biblical criticism. Give examples to support your answers. (9 marks)
 - b) Explain how the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls has revolutionized the biblical criticism. (6 marks)
5. List and Explain, five types of unintentional transmission errors found within biblical texts. Give examples to support your answers. (15 marks)
6. Discuss the two main processes of textual criticism generally practiced by editors of classical Greek and Latin texts. (15 marks)
7. Describe the criteria used in choosing among conflicting readings of a text. Give examples to support your answers. (15 marks)