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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY**

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2019

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: BIL4613

COURSE TITLE: BIBLICAL CULTURES

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2019

DURATION: 2HRS

TIME: 2:00PM-4:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- Section A is compulsory.
- Answer ANY THREE questions in Section B.
- Unmarked Bibles will be provided

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions (30 marks)

1. The bible has an underlying culture and we need to understand that what is recorded in the bible is not void of the background cultures. Compare and contrast the readers' contemporary culture and the social contexts and cultures of the scriptures. (10 marks)
2. A general knowledge of the geography of Bible lands is essential to attaining an informed understanding of the biblical text. Identify four major landmarks in Israel and discuss their significance in understanding the biblical text. (10 marks).
3. There were a growing number of Jewish sects which were born out of the discontent with the priestly monopoly over the temple and over theological disagreements. List and describe five different religious factions in the New Testament times. (10 marks).

SECTION B: Answer ANY THREE questions (30 marks)

4. Israelite religious rituals may be similar to the rituals of other religions, or even borrowed from them. The important features lie in the new meaning which the rites received, a meaning which was determined by the religious institutions and ideas of Israel's faith. Discuss Five religious institutions in Israel. (10 marks).
5. Discuss the distribution of land through the 'fiefs' system and how this concept was transferred to the theological plane when it came to the ownership of land by the Israelites. (10 marks)
6. Explain how the social revolution in the pre-monarchal era led to the division of the free population in ancient Israel. (10 marks)
7. Discuss the issue of succession and inheritance in Ancient Israelite context. (10 marks)
8. Explain how the sabbatical and Jubilee years as religious legislations were supposed to regulate the social inequality that existed in the time of the tribal federation. (10 marks)