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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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

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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: BIL2513

COURSE TITLE: HERMENEUTICS II

EXAM DATE: TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2019

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 2:00PM-5:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- *Write clearly and legibly.*
- This examination script consists of **Seven (7)** questions.
- Answer Question **ONE** and any other **THREE** questions
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

1. Answer the following questions on Hermeneutics.

a. Define the term **(6 marks)**

- i. general hermeneutics
- ii. special hermeneutics
- iii. hermeneutical circle

b. Identify three basic views of the doctrine of inspiration. Explain how these views affect hermeneutics **(9 marks)**

c. Explain Four (4) theoretical and biblical reasons for the need for hermeneutics. **(15 marks)**

2. Describe in detail the basic procedure of doing lexical analysis using the English Bible. **(10marks)**

3. Answer the following questions on contextual analysis

a. Explain the meaning of contextual analysis **(2marks)**

b. Using examples evaluate the importance of contextual analysis in biblical interpretation **(8 marks)**

4. A pastor preached a sermon using 1 Corinthians 11:29 as a pre-communion text. He interpreted the phrase “not discerning the Lord’s body” (KJV) as a reference to Christ’s body, the church. His message from the text was that we are not to partake of communion when we have unresolved negative feelings toward a brother or sister because to do so would be to eat and drink without “discerning the Lord’s body.” Discuss the contextual relevance of this text. **(10 marks)**

5. Hebrews 10:26-27 states: “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.” A person comes to you extremely depressed. A week earlier he deliberately stole some merchandise from a local store, and now on the basis of these verses, he believes that there is no possibility of repentance and forgiveness. Considering the context of this verse, how would you counsel him. **(10 marks)**

6. Explain the necessity of lexical-syntactical analysis in biblical interpretation. Give examples to support your answers. **(10 marks)**

7. A certain denomination refuses to have a paid clergy on the basis of 1 Timothy 3:3. Do you agree with the scriptural basis of this practice? Explain using examples. **(12 marks)**