



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

END OF TERM EXAMINATION

BIL3813: BIBLICAL CRITISCIM

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24TH, 2014

1100HRS – 1400HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- This exam paper has **Two** Sections **A & B**
- Answer **All** questions in section **A** and **Two** from section **B**. question **1** in section **B** is compulsory
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- Read all questions carefully before attempting.
- Bibles will be provided.

SECTION I (20 marks)

Answer all questions in this section as briefly and precisely as possible. The marks allocated for each question are indicated.

SECTION A

1. Give any TWO reasons that show the importance of biblical criticism. (2 marks)
2. Differentiate between higher and lower criticism. (2 marks)
3. Mention any TWO biblical books or group of books that have attracted more attention than others in regards to biblical criticism and give the reason for this. (4 marks)
4. Mention TWO differences between Old Testament and New Testament textual criticism. (2 marks)
5. Explain how the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls has revolutionized the biblical criticism field. (2marks)
6. Name any TWO intentional types of errors commonly discovered through biblical criticism. (2 marks)
7. Show the place of archeology in biblical criticism. (2 marks)
8. Name and explain the FOUR commonly alluded to sources of the Pentatuech. (2 marks)
9. Differentiate Form Criticism from Source Criticism. (2 marks)

SECTION B (40 marks)

Answer all questions in this section as exhaustively as and as precisely as possible. Each question is worth 10 marks.

1. Name and explain, giving examples, any FOUR types of unintentional transmission errors found within the biblical texts.
2. Briefly trace the historical path of biblical criticism of the Old Testament.
3. Describe the Masoretic priests and their work. Show how they contributed to the preservation or alteration of the biblical text.
4. With the help of scriptural examples discuss Textual Criticism.