



**PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGY
September to December 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: Wednesday

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. Examine **FOUR** ethnic identifiers in ancient Israel and their relevance to African ethnic concepts. (10 marks)
2. Explain Apostle Paul's understanding of Gentile kinship with Israel through the shared Spirit, within the context of God's redemptive plan for all ethnic groups. Support your discussion with **TWO** biblical references. (10 marks)

Section B: Answer ANY TWO questions (20 marks)

3. Discuss **TWO** advantages and **TWO** limitations of the social-scientific approach in interpreting biblical social events and their relevance to contemporary Christianity. (10 marks)
4. Examine **FOUR** reasons of understanding the biblical worldview in shaping biblical interpretation and practice in African context. (10 marks)
5. Examine **FOUR** biblical concepts of household and kinship in ancient Israel and their explanatory significance within the African Christian context. (10 marks)
6. Evaluate **TWO** key reasons for archaeological research into the social world of the Bible and illustrate the significance of its findings in provision of reliable evidence to the claims made in the Bible. (10 marks)