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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY**

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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: BIL3443

COURSE TITLE: GENERAL EPISTLES

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

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 TWO questions in Section B.

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions

1. The “general” or “catholic” epistles are viewed to be circular letters addressed to a general audience (with the exception of 2-3 John).

a). List 10 (ten) issues or themes that arise and are addressed in the General epistles (5 marks)

b). Describe and briefly discuss the authorship, audience and the purpose of the following letters. (20 marks):

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| i. | Hebrews | (5 marks) |
| ii. | James | (5 marks) |
| iii. | 1 Peter | (5 marks) |
| iv. | 1-3 John | (5 marks) |

c). Jude’s purpose in writing his letter was to warn the church against the invasion of false teachers and heretics who had distorted the doctrine of grace and turned it into an excuse for moral license. Discuss. (5 marks)

SECTION B: Answer ANY TWO questions

2. One of issues reflected in the General Epistles is Christian suffering and persecution. With examples, discuss how the epistles address this issue and apply their message to our contemporary situation(s). (15 marks)

3. In our African contexts, ancestors continue to be elevated to the position of mediators between God and human beings. The letter to the Hebrews has a very clear message about Christ – the son of God and the only Mediator between man and God. Discuss how this message of Hebrews addresses the issue of ancestor worship/veneration. (15 marks)

4. The issue of false teaching and heresy is rampant in our day just as it was in the days when the General Epistles were written. Using examples discuss the message of the epistles regarding false teaching today. (15 marks).