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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: MBT 505

COURSE TITLE: The Social World of the Bible

EXAM DATE: Thursday

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. Whether literally or figuratively, by birth or by faith, Abraham is considered the father of Jews, Arabs, Muslims, Samaritans, and Christians. Examine the biblical view of Abraham being the father of Jews, Arabs and Christians. Support your answers with biblical references. (10 marks)
2. The Greek culture permeated the world of the New Testament during the inter-testamental period. Discuss the importance and influence of Greek culture in ancient Israel. (10 marks)

Section B: Answer ANY TWO questions (20 marks)

3. In ancient Israel, the birthright of the eldest son entitled him to enjoy certain privileges. Discuss four privileges that the firstborn enjoyed in the community and give two biblical examples to support your answers. (10 marks)
4. The origin of the Passover is traced in the book of Exodus in the Bible.
 - a) Discuss the significance of the Passover and its celebration thereafter in the Old Testament. Give biblical references to support your answers. (4 marks)
 - b) Explain how the Passover relates to the message of the cross. Support your answers with biblical references. (6 marks)
5. In the context of the wedding customs of ancient Israel, we can better understand the profound symbolism of our marriage to Christ as His virgin bride.
 - a) Discuss the importance of betrothal in ancient Israel. (6 marks)
 - b) Explain how the wedding customs of ancient Israel help Christians understand the symbolism of their marriage to Christ as His virgin bride. (4 marks).
6. The Bible has an underlying social context that you need to understand in order to interpret it correctly.
 - a) Discuss the importance of studying the Bible in its social context. (4 marks)
 - b) Explain how understanding of the social context of the Bible can facilitate the application of its message in the contemporary context. (6 marks)