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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

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CAMPUS: VALLEY ROAD

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

COURSE CODE: BIL2513

COURSE TITLE: HERMENEUTICS II

EXAM DATE: TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2017

TIME: 5.30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all questions carefully before attempting.
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- Answer Question one (1) in Section A which is compulsory, and choose any three (3) Questions in section B

Section A (24 marks)

1. a. Define the following terms (6 marks)

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

b. Explain the three basic views of the doctrine of inspiration and how they affect hermeneutics? (6 marks)

c. Explain three (3) theoretical and biblical reasons for the need for hermeneutics. (6 marks)

d. Explain the term hermeneutical circle. (6 marks)

Section B (36marks): Answer any three (3) Questions

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

b. Evaluate the importance of contextual analysis in biblical interpretation. (10 marks)

3. Describe in detail the basic procedure of doing lexical analysis using the English Bible. (12 marks)

4. 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 passage and counsel him appropriately. (12 marks)

5. 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. (12 marks)

6. One protestant 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? Why or why not? (12 marks)

7. According to Henry Virkler and Gerber Ayayo in their book entitled *Hermeneutics: Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation*. What is the necessity of lexical-syntactical analysis in biblical interpretation? (12 marks)