



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

MAY – AUGUST 2017

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

COURSE CODE: BIS510

COURSE TITLE: Wisdom Literature

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 24th JULY 2017

TIME: 5.30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- Answer the questions as per the instructions given in each section

SECTION ONE – Compulsory Questions

[Answer all questions – 15 marks each]

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1. Africa is a continent with a great number of socio-economic and political challenges. These affect even the nature and function of the church in various aspects. However, within the pages of Wisdom Literature there are promises of hope for most of the challenges facing our continent. By using a scriptural pericope of your choice, explain how the church in Africa can use the insights of wisdom literature as a tool for transformational leadership and holistic development in the society.
2. Outline the main features of the social locations and moral discourse of sages in their contemplation of the wisdom traditions of ancient Israelites. How can the African sapiential heritage be aligned with ancient Israelite's for social development?

SECTION TWO – Elective questions

[Choose any **THREE** questions – 10 marks each]

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1. Outline and discuss the major components of Wisdom Literature and show the features of Hebrew poetry that distinguishes it from African oral and written poetic literature.
2. Explain how a good knowledge of African oral traditions could facilitate a good understanding of Wisdom Literature
3. Describe the major theological questions served by the Divine order. What are the constitutive elements in older wisdom particularly in its impact on the issue of retribution?
4. Identify and discuss the four main types of genre in Hebrew wisdom literature in the Old Testament
5. What are the anthropocentric features of Wisdom literature? How does the quest to master life ultimately cause humans to be on the “steering wheel” of life?