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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY**

MAY – AUGUST 2018

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

COURSE CODE: BIL2423

COURSE TITLE: WISDOM LITERATURE

EXAM DATE: FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST 2018

TIME: 5:30PM-8:30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all questions carefully before attempting.
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- This paper has SEVEN questions.
- **Section A** is COMPULSORY.
- Answer **ANY THREE** questions in Section B.
- You are allowed to use the Bible.
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions

1. A common theme in Hebrew wisdom literature is Human pain and suffering. Identify and explain THREE ways in which the Wisdom Literature deals with pain and suffering. Give examples to illustrate your answers. (15 marks)
2. List and explain FIVE features of Hebrew poetry? Give examples to illustrate your answers. (15marks)

SECTION B: Answer ANY THREE questions

3. Outline and briefly discuss the place and role of wisdom in the Old Testament. Give examples to illustrate your answers. (10marks)
4. The German scholar, Hermann Gunkel, laid the foundation for the basic classification of psalms. Identify THREE types of Psalms and describe their general characteristics. Give examples to illustrate your answers. (10marks).
5. Discuss the theological themes that are found in the book of Ecclesiastes and explain their relevance to Christian living today. (10marks)
6. The study of Wisdom literature has an important contribution to make to our Christian faith today. Explain the relevance Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Songs of Solomonto Christian living today. Give examples to illustrate your answers. (10marks)
7. Describe some guidelines that are necessary for interpreting wisdom literature and explain how each applies to decipher the meaning of the text. (10 marks)