



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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INSTITUTIONAL BASED PROGRAMME (IBP) – DECEMBER 2016 SESSION
EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
ARE 832: INTER-TESTAMENTAL PERIOD

DATE: Wednesday, 23rd August 2017

TIME: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **THREE** Questions

1. a) Explain the inter-testamental period in Christian Studies.
b) Demonstrate the significance of the study of the inter-testamental period to contemporary African Christians.
2. The emergence of the following world powers had enormous implications to the people of Israel.
 - Babylonians
 - Persians
 - Greeks
 - Romansa) Describe any **three** major impacts of these powers on Israel.
b) What lessons can contemporary African Christians draw from the experiences described in the wake of globalization?
3. a) Examine the nature and core features of any **two** Jewish religious movements of the first century BC below:
 - i) Pharisees
 - ii) Sadducees
 - iii) Essenes
 - iv) Zealotsc) What is the significance of these movements to a student of the Bible?

4. EITHER

- a) i) Describe the Deutero-canonical (Aprocryphal) books.
- ii) Examine the diverse Christian positions regarding the *importance* and the *canonicity* of these books.

OR

- b) i) Discuss the key themes in any of the following Apocryphal (Deutero-canonical) books.
 - Tobit
 - 1 & 2 Maccabees
 - Judith
 - Susanna
 - ii) Show the relevance of these themes to today's African Christians.
5. Analyze major changes, shifts in emphasis and characteristics of prophecy during and after the exile.
6. Discuss the theme of Messiah in the Bible showing various stages in the book of Isaiah.