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**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**

**ARE 351: OLD TESTAMENT HERMENEUTICS**

**DATE: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016**

**TIME: 4.30 p.m - 6.30 p.m**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Answer **THREE** questions; At least **ONE** from each section.*

**SECTION I**

1. (a) State and describe the four main contexts of hermeneutics.  
(b) Discuss Isaiah 61: 1 - 3 in the light of the four contexts of hermeneutics.
2. (a) Define the term genre and classify the Old Testament into the major genres.  
(b) Briefly discuss the importance of biblical prophecy and the principles for proper interpretation of prophetic literature.
3. Define intertextuality in hermeneutics and provide **five** guidelines in applying this skill.

**SECTION II**

4. (a) Define 'feminist hermeneutics'.  
(b) Giving examples, critically assess Liberation Hermeneutics.
5. (a) Define the term 'Canonical hermeneutics'.  
(b) Briefly describe the following methods of interpretation;
  - i. Jewish interpretation
  - ii. Hellenistic interpretation
  - iii. Qumran interpretation
  - iv. Luther's interpretation
  - v. Modern interpretation.
6. State and assess the principles that guide the correct application of a text.