



REL 314: STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT 11

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer ANY FOUR from each section. All questions carry equal marks (15). Marks will be awarded for clarity, accuracy and good handwriting (10 marks).

1. Do you agree with the view that Bible as an ancient book is difficult to interpret?  
Give reasons for you answer.
2. Discuss the reasons for interpreting the Bible in our time.
3. Assess the following approaches to the interpretation of the Bible explaining the merits and demerits of each:
  - a) Reader-centered approach
  - b) Text-centered approach.
4. Explain the meaning of the following approaches to the interpretation of the New Testament
  - a) Historical criticism
  - b) Source criticism
  - c) Redaction criticism. *all*
5. Explain how the Gospels are to be interpreted in order to make sense in our time.
6. With relevant examples expound on how the parables of Jesus should be interpreted.
7. Discuss the process of interpreting the New Testament Epistles.
8. Evaluate any three approaches of interpreting the New Testament in the African context.