



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

(HOMA BAY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)

ARE 302: OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES I

Date: 20th April, 2014

Time: 11.00AM - 1.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer THREE questions. Question One is compulsory.



ARE 302 OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES I (Homa Bay Learning Centre)

Instructions: Answer Three questions. Question one is Compulsory

- 1a) Explain the relationships in the Old Testament (5marks)
- b) What is a canon (3Marks)
- c) Briefly explain the threefold division of the Hebrew Canon (6 Marks)
- d) Write short notes on the four fold division of the Christian Canon (6 Marks)
- e) Explain the difference between the Protestant canon and the Catholic Canon (10Marks)
- 2a) Identify the groups of people in the ancient Near East (5 Marks)
- b) The natural geography of Palestine divides the land into four broad areas. Discuss (5 Marks)
- c) Identify the major events of the Old Testament History from 2000BC to 400 BC (10Marks)
- 3a) Identify the sources for Old Testament Studies (3 Marks)
- b) Enumerate the Literary tools for Old Testament study (7Marks)
- c) What is Biblical Criticism (3 Marks)
- d) Write short notes on the following methods of Biblical Criticism
 - (i) Form Criticism
 - (ii) Source Criticism (7 Marks)

4 a) Mention the causes of variations in a text that will interest a textual critique ((6Marks)

b) What are doublets and why were they important to Source critiques?(4Marks)

c) Identify and write on Wellhausen's four written sources behind the Pentateuch (10 Marks)

5a) The Book of Genesis can be divided into two: Primeval History and Patriarchal History. Analyze the major issues in these two sections (12 Marks)

b) Give reasons why the Exodus events marks the beginning of Israel as a nation (8 Marks)

6a) Name four Judges and state their roles at this time in Israel(4Marks)

b) Identify the cyclic pattern in the Book of Judges that describes the theme: "Obedience brings blessings"(6 Marks)

c) Identify the first three kings of Israel, their dates of reign and clearly state the reason for the division of the kingdom (6Marks)

d) Distinguish between the Major Prophets and Minor Prophets (4 Marks)