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EXAMINATION PAPER

COURSE CODE : ATR 411
COURSE TITLE : SELECTED MAJOR THEMES IN OLD
TESTAMENT
DURATION : 3 Hours
DATE : 29 May 2019

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer any THREE questions.
2. Each question carries 100 Marks.
3. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet.

1. Compare and contrast Shona folklore and the Primeval History.
2. Examine the theological intentions of Deuteronomist History in explaining the fate of Israel and Judah.
3. "Prophetic theology is essentially justice theology." Discuss.
4. "The Bible teaches that woman brought sin and death into the world, that she precipitated the fall of the race, that she was arraigned before the judgment seat of Heaven, tried, condemned and sentenced. Marriage for her was to be a condition of bondage, maternity a period of suffering and anguish, and in silence and subjection, she was to play the role of a dependent on man's bounty for all her material wants, and for all the information she might desire on the vital questions of the hour, she was commanded to ask her husband at home. Here is the Bible position of woman briefly summed up" (Stanton 1995: 8). Discuss the relevance of this observation regarding the role of the Old Testament in perpetuating gender imbalance in the contemporary societies such as Zimbabwe.
5. "The dark attraction between religion and violence is endemic to religious traditions. It pervades their images and practices, from sacred swords to mythic conquests, from acts of sacrifice to holy wars" (Juergensmeyer et al 2017: 1). Using illustrations from the Old Testament, discuss the validity of this assertion.
6. Examine the possibility of using the Old Testament in developing positive environmental ethics for contemporary societies.

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