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BA (Hons): Part 4 Semester 2
ATR411: Selected Major Themes in Old Testament
DURATION: Three Hours
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INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Answer any THREE questions. Each question carries 25 marks
1. Critically examine the etiological nature and themes of the Primeval History (Genesis 1 – 11) and draw some implications such themes have on various aspects of human life especially gender relations.
 2. “Royal theology developed in Israel as a blueprint and justification of the excesses of monarchic policies and was subsequently challenged by the rise of prophetic oppositional theology.” Discuss.
 3. Discuss the role of traditional Israelite theology and wisdom in the origins and development of the problem of Theodicy in the face of Human suffering. Reference must be made to the book of Job.
 4. Discuss the implications of selected Old Testament texts to contemporary gender perspectives among faith communities, especially those that hold the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible as Scripture.
 5. Critically examine the Old Testament’s attitudes towards violence and discuss the implications of such attitudes within the context of increased prevalence of religiously motivated violence in the contemporary world.
 6. Discuss the implications of the *Imago Dei* (Genesis 1:26-27) to the understanding of human rights among faith communities.

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