

PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
BIBLICAL CULTURES (BL 4613)
VALLEY ROAD FINAL EXAM (MARCH 2016)
TIME: 3 HOURS

Instruction: Answer question 1 and any other *four* questions.

- Q1. a. Describe the five main Jewish religious functions at the time of Jesus. (10 marks)
- b. Explain the place of archeology in historical reconstruction in light of the biblical document? (10 marks)
- Q2. Discuss the importance of knowing cultural backgrounds in the exegesis of biblical texts? (10 marks)
- Q3. Discuss water as a source of conflict in ancient Israel and also point out the primary sources of water (10 marks)
- Q4. Discuss the distribution of land through the ‘fiefs’ system and how this concept was transferred to the theological plane when it came to the ownership of land by the Israelites. (10 marks)
- Q5. Explain how the sabbatical and Jubilee years as religious legislations were supposed to regulate the social inequality that existed in the time of the tribal federation. (10 marks)
- Q6. Compare and contrast the format of the Hittite laws from the second half of the second millennium B.C. with the Israelite legal codes. (10 marks)
- Q7. Discuss the role of a *go’el* in the Israelite family setting and how the term was used in reference to Yahweh. (10 marks)