

## PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**DEPARTMENT:** BIBLE AND THEOLOGY  
**UNIT TITLE:** BIBLICAL CULTURES/CULTURAL WORLD OF THE BIBLE  
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**UNIT HOURS:** 3 HOURS  
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*Instruction: Answer question 1 and any other two questions.*

- Q1. a. Explain the importance of knowing the cultural background of biblical text(s)? (10 marks)
- b. Describe the five main Jewish religious factions at the time of Jesus. (10 marks)
- Q2. a. Discuss succession and inheritance in Ancient Israelite context. (10 marks)
- b. i) Point out the primary sources of water in Ancient Israel describing each briefly. (6 marks)
- ii) Explain how water was a source of conflict in ancient Israel. (4 marks)
- Q3. Compare and contrast the format of the Hittite laws from the second millennium B.C. with the Israelite legal codes. (20 marks)
- Q4. Discuss the major festivals of Old Testament Israel in their calendar order. (20 marks)
- Q5. Compare and contrast the naming ritual in biblical Israel and that of your own culture. (20 marks)