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Matriculation Examination

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Wednesday, 23 April

14:00 – 17:00

Exam Hall

**BIBLICAL STUDIES**

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A copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is provided to candidates.

**Answer two questions from Section A and two questions from Section B.**

### **Section A**

1. How was the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians interpreted by the biblical writers?
2. The biblical writers see the institution of monarchy as threatening to Israel. Discuss.
3. Memory of origins is an important aspect of how a people understands itself in its present. Discuss this statement in relation to how the Bible “remembers” Israel’s origins.
4. Amos is a book about social injustice. Discuss.

**5. EITHER**

Discuss the role of Job’s friends in the book of Job.

**OR**

Does the book of Job represent God as unjust?

6. The story of Joseph vindicates the God of Israel over against the gods of the Egyptians. Discuss.

### **Section B**

7. The conversion of the Gentiles is an important theme in Acts. Discuss.
8. Discuss the importance of miracles in Mark’s Gospel.
9. Discuss the problem of divisions in the community as this problem is represented in 1 Corinthians.

10. Jesus was a thorough Jew. Discuss. Your answer should focus on at least two of the following: the temple, the torah (law), Jewish Scripture (viz. the Old Testament).

11. How would you account for the popularity of Jesus within his own day?

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