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Matriculation Examination

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Wednesday, 03 April

14:00 – 17:00

Graduate Memorial  
Building

**BIBLICAL STUDIES**

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

**Answer FOUR questions in total, TWO from Section A and TWO from Section B.**

### **Section A.**

1. What were the effects of the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem and its temple on Israel's understanding of its relationship with its god?
2. How did the rule of Solomon differ from the rule of Saul?
3. Outline Israel's views of its origins as a people and assess their importance to the people's self-understanding.
4. Discuss Amos' views of a just society outlining the theological basis of his views.

### **5. EITHER**

How is God presented in the Book of Job?

### **OR**

What are the central questions of divine justice addressed in the book of Job?

6. Throughout the story of Joseph the narrator contrasts the gods of Egypt with the God of the Israelites. Discuss.

### **SECTION B.**

7. Discuss the issue of the conversion of the Gentiles in Acts.
8. Discuss the role of miracles in Mark's gospel and how they contribute to the reader's understanding of who Jesus was.
9. Discuss the importance of 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 to early Christian communities.
10. To what extent did Jesus remain loyal to his Jewish background throughout his life? Your answer should focus on at least two of the

following: the temple, the torah (law), Jewish Scripture (viz. the Old Testament).

11. How radical in your view was the Jesus movement when understood against the background of Jewish tradition and Roman rule of Judea?

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