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NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ABUJA
FACULTY OF ARTS

End of Semester Examination 2019_1

Programme: **Masters in Christian Theology**
Course Code: **CRS819** **3 Credit Units**
Course Title: Greek Exegesis
Time Allowed: 3 hrs.
Instruction: Answer FOUR questions in all. Question ONE is compulsory.

1. Attempt an exegesis of the passage from Revelation below making use of the necessary steps of exegesis:

12:18 καὶ ⸀ἐστάθη ἐπὶ τὴν ἄμμον τῆς θαλάσσης.

13:1 Καὶ εἶδον ἐκ τῆς θαλάσσης θηρίον ἀναβαῖνον, ἔχον κέρατα δέκα καὶ κεφαλὰς
ἑπτά, καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν κεράτων αὐτοῦ δέκα διαδήματα, καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτοῦ
⸀ὀνόματα βλασφημίας. 2 καὶ τὸ θηρίον ὃ εἶδον ἦν ὅμοιον παρδάλει, καὶ οἱ πόδες
αὐτοῦ ὡς ἄρκου, καὶ τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ ὡς στόμα λέοντος. καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ δράκων
τὴν δύναμιν αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸν θρόνον αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐξουσίαν μεγάλην. 3 καὶ μίαν ἐκ τῶν
κεφαλῶν αὐτοῦ ⸀ὡς ἐσφαγμένην εἰς θάνατον, καὶ ἡ πληγὴ τοῦ θανάτου αὐτοῦ
ἐθεραπεύθη. καὶ ⸀ἐθαυμάσθη ⸂ὅλη ἡ γῆ⸃ ὀπίσω τοῦ θηρίου, 4 καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ
δράκοντι ⸂ὅτι ἔδωκεν⸃ τὴν ἐξουσίαν τῷ θηρίῳ, καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ θηρίῳ λέγοντες·
Τίς ὅμοιος τῷ θηρίῳ, καὶ τίς ⸀δύναται πολεμῆσαι μετ’ αὐτοῦ;

5 Καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ στόμα λαλοῦν μεγάλα καὶ ⸀βλασφημίας, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ ⸀ἐξουσία
ποιῆσαι μῆνας ⸀τεσσεράκοντα δύο. (25 marks)

2. Critically examine the principles of exegesis (15 marks)

3. What would you say is the importance of redaction criticism to the study of the Gospels? (15 marks)

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4. Briefly discuss the contribution of the following to the textual criticism of the New Testament.

a. Karl Lachmann b. Eberhard Nestle & the Allands

c. Westcott B. F. & Hort F. J. d. T. Constantine e. J. J. Griesbach

(15 marks)

5. Examine the bible passage below and its critical notes, then attempt an explanation of the critical notes (15 marks)

⸂λιμῷ ὧδε⸃ ἀπόλλυμαι· **18** ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ
ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· Πάτερ, ἥμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, **19** ⸀οὐκέτι εἰμὶ
ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου· ποίησόν με ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου. **20** καὶ ἀναστὰς
ἦλθεν πρὸς τὸν πατέρα ⸀ἑαυτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ
πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη καὶ δραμὼν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ
καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. **21** εἶπεν δὲ ⸂ὁ υἱὸς αὐτῷ⸃· Πάτερ, ἥμαρτον εἰς τὸν
οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, ⸀οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός ⸀σου. **22** εἶπεν δὲ ὁ
πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ⸀Ταχὺ ⸀ἐξενέγκατε στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ
ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς
τοὺς πόδας, **23** καὶ ⸀φέρετε τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες
εὐφρανθῶμεν, **24** ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησεν, ⸂ἦν ἀπολωλὼς⸃
καὶ εὑρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι.

25 Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισεν
τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσεν συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, **26** καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἕνα τῶν
παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί ⸀ἂν εἴη ταῦτα· **27** ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι Ὁ ἀδελφός
σου ἥκει, καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατήρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα
αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. **28** ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ ⸀δὲ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ
ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. **29** ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν τῷ πατρὶ ⸀αὐτοῦ· Ἰδοὺ

15:14 **ἰσχυρὰ** WH Treg NIV] ἰσχυρὸς RP **16** **γεμίσαι τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ** Treg NIV RP] χορτασθῆναι ἐκ WH NA **17** **ἔφη** WH NIV] εἶπεν Treg RP • **περισσεύονται** WH Treg NIV] περισσεύουσιν RP • **λιμῷ ὧδε** WH NIV] ὧδε λιμῷ Treg; λιμῷ RP **19** **οὐκέτι** WH Treg NIV] καὶ οὐκέτι RP **20** **ἑαυτοῦ** WH NIV] αὐτοῦ Treg RP **21** **ὁ υἱὸς αὐτῷ** WH NIV] αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός Treg RP • **οὐκέτι** WH Treg NIV] καὶ οὐκέτι RP • **σου** Treg NIV RP] + ποίησόν με ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου WH **22** **Ταχὺ** WH Treg NIV] – RP • **ἐξενέγκατε** WH Treg NIV] + τὴν RP **23** **φέρετε** WH Treg NIV] ἐνέγκαντες RP **24** **ἦν ἀπολωλὼς** WH Treg NIV] καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν RP **26** **ἂν** WH Treg NIV] – RP **28** **δὲ** WH Treg NIV] οὖν RP **29** **αὐτοῦ** WH Treg NIV] – RP