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NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA FACULTY OF ARTS DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

QUESTIONS

End of Semester Examination 2017_2

Programme: M. A. in Christian Theology

Course Code: CTH 814 3 Credit Units

Course Title: Biblical Criticisms

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Instruction: Answer questions ONE and TWO others.

- 1. Identify and describe the nature and causes of textual errors in the biblical texts (30 Marks).
- 2. Define and explain the purpose of rhetorical criticism in biblical studies (20 Marks).
- 3. Theology and scientific inquiry are not hostile to each other. Discuss. (20 Marks.)
- 4. (a) Why do you think that biblical criticism is indispensable in the study of scriptures? (10 Marks.)
 - (b) Give three reasons why biblical criticism is limited (10 Marks).
- 5. (a) What is the meaning of source criticism? (10 Marks.)
 - (b) Explain how source criticism differs from form criticism or textual criticism (10 Marks).