



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **TWO**
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: REL 213

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT 1

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 06/12/17

TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has **SIX (6)** questions
- Question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY**
- Choose any other **THREE (3)** questions from the remaining **FIVE (5)** questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Define the intertestamental period. **[5 marks]**
- (b) Assess the importance of the intertestamental period in the New Testament. **[15 marks]**
- (c) Describe the feast of Booth and its religious significance. **[8 marks]**

QUESTION TWO

Comment on the significance of **TWO** of the following Jewish religious and political life:

- i. The Maccabean **[7¹/₂ marks]**
- ii. Pax Roman (Romana Peace) **[7¹/₂ marks]**
- iii. The Sanhedrin **[7¹/₂ marks]**

QUESTION THREE

Jews observed various festivals through which they commemorate events of national and religious significance. Briefly describe the **THREE** festivals. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss any of the following Biblical criticism:

- i. Textual criticism **[15 marks]**
- ii. Form criticism **[15 marks]**
- iii. Source criticism **[15 marks]**
- iv. Reduction criticism **[15 marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

“The Gospel of Matthew is a Jewish Christian gospel with a world-wide message.” Critically evaluate this statement and its significance for Christian mission. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION SIX

Discuss the authorship of the John’s gospel showing the purpose for which it was written **[15 marks]**

