

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 EXAMINATION

Course Code: CTH 814

Course Title: Biblical Criticisms

3 Credit Units

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. (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).
- 3. (a) What is the meaning of source criticism? (10 Marks.)
 - (b) Explain how source criticism differs from form criticism or textual criticism (10 Marks).
- 4. Theology and scientific inquiry are not hostile to each other. Discuss. (20 Marks.)
- 5. Define and explain the purpose of rhetorical criticism in biblical studies (20 Marks).