



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).