

## NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013 EXAMINATION

**Programme:** PGD in Christian Theology

Course Code: CTH 711 2 Credit Units

**Course Title:** Biblical Hermeneutics

Time Allowed: 2hrs

Instruction: Answer question 1 in section A and any other Two in

section B (Section 1 carries 30 marks, while section B

carries 20 marks each)

## **SECTION A**

1. Define the term Biblical Hermeneutics and explain the relationship between Biblical Hermeneutics and Exegesis.

## **SECTION B**

- 2. Identify the contribution of the following to the development of Biblical Hermeneutics during the patristic and medieval periods: (a) Alexandrian Scholars (Philo, Clement of Alexandrian and Origen) (b) Antiochene Scholars (Theodore Mopsuestia), (c) Augustine and (d) Thomas Aquinas.
- 3. Discuss the contributions of Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin to Biblical interpretations at the Reformation period.
- 4(a) Name and discuss the schools of Bible interpretation that flourished during the patristic and medieval periods.
  - (b) Explain how the knowledge of geography of the Bible lands help in the interpretation of a particular selected text.
- 5. Write short notes on the following methods:
  - (a) Inductive and Deductive methods (b) Biographical method (c) Special Literary methods (d) Methods of Biblical Criticism.