

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ABUJA FACULTY OF ARTS

End of Semester Examination 2017_2

Programme: MA in Christian Theology

Course Code: CTH815 2 Credit Units

Course Title: Prophetic Books and Wisdom Literature

Time Allowed: 2 hrs.

Instruction: Answer Question ONE and TWO others.

- 1. Citing relevant examples, discuss the leading literary characteristics of Wisdom Literature (30 marks).
- 2. Where was the wisdom genre in Israel shaped and nurtured? In your answer, point out the kind of wisdom nurtured in each place (20 marks).
- 3. a. What is theodicy? (5 marks).
 - b. How did wisdom literature respond to the disturbing issue of theodicy? (15 marks)
- 4. Describe the basis of meaninglessness of life in Qoheleth. What dimension of wisdom is the author's focus? (20 marks).
- 5. Discuss the attribution of the books of Song of Songs and Qoheleth to Solomon. (20 marks)