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**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2017\_1**

**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. Define and explain the purpose of rhetorical criticism in biblical studies (30 Marks).
2. Theology and scientific inquiry are not hostile to each other. Discuss. (20 Marks.)
3. Identify and describe the nature and causes of textual errors in the biblical texts (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).