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14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS  
MARCH/APRIL 2016 EXAMINATION  
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**Course Code:** CTH 814  
**Course Title:** Biblical Criticisms

**Time Allowed:** 3 hrs.

**Instruction:** Answer questions ONE and TWO others.

1. (a) Why do you think that biblical criticism is indispensable in the study of scriptures? (15 Marks.)  
(b) Give three reasons why biblical criticism is limited (15 Marks).
2. (a) What is the meaning of source criticism? (10 Marks.)  
(b) Explain how source criticism differs from form criticism or textual criticism (10 Marks).
3. Theology and scientific inquiry are not hostile to each other. Discuss. (20 Marks.)
4. Define and explain the purpose of rhetorical criticism in biblical studies (20 Marks).
5. Identify and describe the nature and causes of textual errors in the biblical texts (20 Marks).