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Subject: Biblical Studies
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Instructions
Answer four (4) questions.
Each question carries 25 marks.
Kindly visibly number your answers
Please write as neatly and legibly as possible
Return question paper to invigilator
Question 1: Either

1.1 Critically assess the current state of Old Testament Scholarship in (South) Africa with specific reference to i) its thematic preferences, ii) its institutional structures and iii) its interpretive contexts. (25)

OR

1.2 According to Holter (2006:378) "The idea of ‘Africanizing Old Testament studies is of course part of the more general search for an Africanizing of theology and of the humanities as a whole, and the project is, therefore, part of the ongoing process of rooting biblical studies in African soil’. Discuss, with specific reference to the ‘comparative paradigm in African Biblical Scholarship’.

Question 2:

According to Jonker (2001:78) "...an African hermeneutic is not an exegetical method as such" but "rather a hermeneutical stance or disposition according to which, and in the service of which, a whole variety of exegetical methods or tools are used. Discuss, with specific reference to the role of Historical-Critical methodology in African Old Testament Studies.

Question 3:

According to West "Biblical interpretation in Africa typically consists of three poles: the pole of the biblical text, the pole of the African context, and the pole of appropriation.” Discuss, with specific reference to the established forms of appropriation in African biblical scholarship

Question 4:

According to Musopole (1993:353) "While the feeding of the five thousand seems to be the backdrop of the sayings in this Johanine passage, and the eucharist may have been its sitz im leben, can it be that hermeneutically the words of Jesus have their basic meaning in the cultural social-medical-ritual context as the Malawi situation seems to suggest which the gospel has transformed into a eucharistic meaning?" Provide an exegesis of John 6:50-71 with particular reference to its appropriation in Malawi context.