



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
MAY - AUGUST 2018 SEMESTER**

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: RELI 201

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

DATE: 6 AUGUST 2018

TIME: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question One

- a) What is an allegory? [5 Marks]
- b) Define the inter-testamental period. [5 Marks]
- c) What was the main role of scribes during the times of Jesus? [5 Marks]
- d) State and explain the four languages used during the life and times of Jesus. [8 Marks]

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:14-15)

- e) Explain what Christ intended his hearers to understand about the imminent change He was about to introduce. [6 Marks]
- f) What lessons do you think Jesus wanted his hearers to learn from the parable of an employer and his workers? [5 Marks]
- g) Expound three central themes in the New Testament. [6 Marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Which three Old Testament ideas were especially helpful to the early Christians and how did they each help to explain the death of Jesus? [8 Marks]
- b) Describe the Roman and Persian periods. [12 Marks]

Question three

- a) Describe how the four gospels are *sui generis*. [10 Marks]
- b) What was the Sanhedrin and who composed it? [10 Marks]

Question Four

- a) Define what a parable is. [4 Marks]
- b) Discuss the synoptic problem. [16 Marks]

Question five

- a) Explain the significant role Greek language played in the formation of the Early church. [8 Marks]
- b) Who were the Pharisees and whom do they compare with in the modern Church. [12 Marks]

Question six

- a) Define what synoptic gospels are. [5 Marks]
- b) How did exorcism, healing and nature miracles function in the gospels? Discuss. [15 Marks]