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**YEAR 1 and 2: SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**BTh 103: PROPHETIC LITERATURE**

**DATE: 15 MAY, 2017 TIME: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer any three questions

2. All questions carry equal marks

3. Start each question on a fresh page

4. Write on both sides of the writing paper

1. Briefly define the following:
   1. The popular and scientific etymology of the term “prophet” in the Greek language;
   2. *Ish ha Elohim;*
   3. *Ish ha Ruah;*
   4. *Ebed YHWH;*
   5. *Shomer.*
2. ‘The covenant between Yahweh and his chosen people is the most basic and distinctive idea in the Old Testament, affecting as it does the total *religious* and *moral* outlook of Israel’. Discuss.
3. ‘The identity of the servant in the Servant Songs of Isaiah has been a point of discussion among scholars.’ Discuss.
4. Ezekiel 3:16-21 and 33:7-9 present a prophet as a watchman. Analyse these two texts and apply Ezekiel’s message to a contemporary prophet.
5. Describe how the tragic story of the prophet Hosea's unhappy marital experiences relates to Yahweh's dealings with the people of Israel.
6. ‘While speaking out especially as the voice of the voiceless, strongly defending the rights of the weak and underprivileged, a prophet must be a true person, who is not afraid to be different from others, and so to be alone, like the great prophet of our days. He has to be prepared to pay the price, even sometimes of his blood, for defending the defenceless, like so many prophets in the history of the Judaism and Christianity.’ Identify any one contemporary prophet and critique his or her mission and message.

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1. In Prophetic Literature, the books of the Former Prophets are considered prophetic, 'insofar as they interpreted the history of Israel as a sign of God’s divine will.' Elaborate on this statement.
2. Moses saw the whole of the Torah, including the Prophets and the Writings, that were written hundreds of years after him. Discuss.
3. Discuss the call of the prophet Jeremiah as recorded in Jeremiah 1: 4-19.
4. Critique Amos’ central message, and the role he in Israel's history.
5. Elaborate on the main theme of each of the three divisions of the Book of Isaiah.
6. The period following the Babylonian exile is characterised by the work of many prophets, some of whom produced writings that are preserved in the Old Testament. Identify one of the prophets and elaborate on his message.