



**School of Theology**

**Diploma in Theology**

**BIB 081 Biblical Hermeneutics**

**Jan- April 2019-2020 Trimester Exam 60 marks**

**Question 1 is compulsory**A) Identify the figures of speech written below (**5 marks**)

- i. God is our shield. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. The trees clapped their hands. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. Wisdom has built her house. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. He slept with his wife. \_\_\_\_\_
- v. It rained for days without stopping. \_\_\_\_\_

**B)** Hebrew poetry uses four kinds of parallelism. Identify the kind of parallelism used in the passages given below (**5 marks**)

- i. Psalm 150 \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Isaiah 43: 5-6 \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. Psalm 76: 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. Proverbs 14: 1-6 \_\_\_\_\_
- vi. Proverbs 12: 9 \_\_\_\_\_

**C)** Briefly discuss why it is important to know about the historical background of a passage (**5 marks**)

**D)** Complete an inductive Bible study of **Acts 16:6-10** and show how you would use this method in a small group Bible study (**20 marks**)

**i. Observation Questions**

Ask the questions below to get people to look at the passage carefully:

- Where were Paul and his companions travelling?
- Why did they not go to Asia?
- What happened when they came to the border of Mysia?
- Why could they not go there?
- Where did they go instead?
- What happened to Paul during the night?
- What was the vision about? □ What did Paul do?
- What did they conclude from Paul's vision? **ii. Interpretation Questions**

- What do you think it means when it says in verse 6 that they were kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia?
- They were also kept from going to Bithynia by the Spirit. Why do you think this happened?
- What might have been the reason why God spoke to Paul through a vision?
- What did Paul interpret the vision to mean?
- How would you sum up what was happening to Paul and his companions in this passage?

### **iii. Application Questions**

- Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't know what God's will for you was?
- Do you think from your own experience that Paul was right to listen to the message of his vision?
- Do you think this Macedonian call is linked to the call to be a missionary?
- How does God call missionaries?
- What ways has God led you when you ask Him for guidance?

### **Question 2- Choose one of the passages**

**A) Show how the *genre* of **one of the passages** below affects your interpretation of it. Then interpret the passage according to the genre (25 marks).**

**i.** Genesis 39: 1-23.

**ii.** Luke 15: 1-7.

**iii.** Psalm 146 **iv.**

Acts 5: 1-11.