



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

BIB 502: BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS (3 CREDIT HOURS)

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FINAL EXAM 60% - 2 HOURS

Incomplete answers will not attract any credit.

This is an open book exam

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

1a) Read the following Bible passage and describe in detail the hermeneutical decisions you would take to arrive at the proper interpretation of the passage. **(15 Marks)**

1b) State your choice of a theme and supporting outline for the passage **(5 Marks)**

Judges 6:27-32

7 So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

28 In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal's altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar!

29 They asked each other, "Who did this?"

When they carefully investigated, they were told, "Gideon son of Joash did it."

30 The people of the town demanded of Joash, "Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal's altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it."

31 But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, "Are you going to plead Baal's cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar." 32 So because Gideon broke down Baal's altar, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal that day, saying, "Let Baal contend with him." (NKJV)

SECTION B: CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS

2a) "Deconstruction is defined as a way of analyzing literature that assumes that text cannot have a fixed meaning. Further it is argued that in deconstruction language, especially in ideal concepts such as truth and justice, is irreducibly complex, unstable, or impossible to determine"

How does the theory of deconstruction impact biblical interpretation? (10 Marks)

2b) Feminist hermeneutics is the theory, art, and practice of interpretation in the interest of women. In which ways would this approach to biblical interpretation be,

- a) Appropriate (5 Marks)
- b) Inadequate (5 Marks)

3. How would the following approaches to biblical interpretation compromise the integrity of scriptural teachings?

- a) Reader response (10 Marks)
- b) Liberation hermeneutics (10 Marks)

4 Inductive Bible study an enriching approach of studying the Bible? Explain. (20 Marks)

5. What is the relationship between philology and biblical hermeneutics . Discuss using examples from the bible and/or your context. (20 Marks)