



EAST

FINAL EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

BURUBURU CAMPUS

FIRST SEMESTER, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

DBT 211: PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION (FORM A)

STREAM: N/A

TIME: 2 HOURS

EXAMINATION SESSION: NOV/DEC

YEAR: 2025/26/1

DAY []

DATE: []

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attempt ALL the questions in **Section A**
 2. Attempt any **Two** questions in **Section B**
 3. The entire exam is worth forty (40) marks.
 4. Write **ONLY** on the space provided on the answer sheet or as otherwise instructed.
 5. Where necessary Show your working clearly.
 6. Do **NOT** attempt to access any library, online (audio, video, digital or electronic) or paper-based (written), sources for your answers unless this is clearly advised in the Question.
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SECTION A (20 MARKS) – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Question One

The principles of biblical interpretation necessitate a balanced approach, integrating both diligent study and the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

- a) Defend this statement in details: Diligent study of God's Word is paramount for accurate biblical interpretation. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain into details the necessity of spiritual illumination (4 Marks)
- c) Discuss the practical application of this combined approach (a and b) in your life and ministry (10 Marks)

SECTION B (20 MARKS) – CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Describe the three reading levels—inspectional, analytical, and syntopical—as well as their functions. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in Bible interpretation? (4 Marks)

Question Three

Sound interpretation of Scripture requires clear methods to ensure accurate understanding and application of God's Word.

- a) Hermeneutics is the study of the principles for interpreting Scripture. Describe the two steps involved. (4 marks)
- b) Explain why we need structured principles to interpret Scripture accurately. (6 marks)

Question Four

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

- a) Read carefully and explain who was inspired in each of the following verses: (6 Marks)
 - i) “Then the Lord opened the donkey’s mouth and she said to Balaam, ‘What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?’” (Numbers 22:28).
 - ii) “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

b) In biblical writings, how does the idea of inspiration function? (4 marks)

Question Five

- a) Discuss the first goal of Biblical Interpretation and why it matters? (5 Marks)
- a) As a student of Principles of Biblical Interpretation class how do you understand this statement? “Scripture interpret scripture.” Explain. (5 Marks)



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SECTION A (20 MARKS) – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Question One

The principles of biblical interpretation necessitate a balanced approach, integrating both diligent study and the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

- b) Defend this statement in details: Diligent study of God's Word is paramount for accurate biblical interpretation. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain into details the necessity of spiritual illumination (4 Marks)
- c) Discuss the practical application of this combined approach (a and b) in your life and ministry (10 Marks)

SECTION B (20 MARKS) – CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS

Question Two

- c) Hermeneutics is the study of the principles for interpreting Scripture. Describe the two steps involved. (4 Marks)
- d) Explains why we (the believers) need structured principles to interpret Scripture accurately? (6 Marks)

Question Three

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

- a) Read carefully and explain who was inspired in each of the following verses: (6 Marks)
 - iii) “Then the Lord opened the donkey’s mouth and she said to Balaam, ‘What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?’” (Numbers 22:28).
 - iv) “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).
- b) In biblical writings, how does the idea of inspiration function? (4 marks)

Question Four

Effective biblical interpretation helps believers grasp the intended meaning of Scripture and apply it faithfully in life and ministry.

- b) Discuss the first goal of Biblical Interpretation and why it matters? (5 Marks)
- c) As a student of Principles of Biblical Interpretation class how do you understand this statement? “Scripture interpret scripture.” Explain. (5 Marks)

Question Five

- a) Analyze the difference between meaning and application as it is used in hermeneutics. (4 Marks)
- b) Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in Bible interpretation? (6 Marks)