

## Scholar in Theology Examiner Reports – Semester 2, 2006

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### Pastoral Theology

**Exam.** The examination was consistent in that answers were informed and of a high quality. The level of the student's preparation was apparent and the pastoral awareness of the candidate as evident. 32/40

**Essay.** The argument of the essay progressed logically and the writer's practical knowledge of constructive dealing with personal, family and ministry stresses was apparent. Essay research was apparently based on a good range of appropriately chosen readings. The writer integrated observations from pastoral writers into the essay showing some evidence of independent thought. There was however, a lack of preparedness to constructively criticise some cited writers who appear to be simplistic in their response to pastoral stress. There was not enclosed bibliography sent in with the essay. 14/20

**Sermon** The sermon was good but not compelling. The exegesis was thoughtful but did not convince the reader of thorough preparation. The language used was not imaginative. Biblical illustrations could be profitably augmented by some pertinent contemporary illustrations. 13/20

**Pastoral Interview Verbatim.** The recorded conversations on the whole are of good quality. I am confident that the student is a good pastoral carer. There is a sense of a 'ministry of presence' about the verbatim. However, there are times when defensiveness overtakes empathetic listening. Correction of misinformation or wrong perceptions that "Jack" possessed is appropriate but only after he has had the full story.

There is a healthy sensitivity to the family members of 'Jack' when opportunity for conversation with them took place. 14/20

Total Mark 73%

Rev Dr John Reid  
November 2006

### Hebrew

There was one candidate for this examination. The subject is quite demanding in terms of the number of chapters to be covered, and hence expectations as to depth of coverage need to be different from those courses where fewer chapters are covered. The student produced very good translations and quite good exegetical comments, with thoughtful longer exegetical essays. There were a few glitches in the parsing, but nothing major, and a good discussion of the main options for *mebasseret sion* in Isaiah 40:9.

Essay Mark 80%  
Exam Mark 80%

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