



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 400: CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES

DATE: 9/12/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following concepts, giving an appropriate example for each.
- i. Comparative ethics (2 marks)
 - ii. Euthanasia (2 marks)
 - iii. Phenomenology (2 marks)
 - iv. Heterosexuality (2 marks)
 - v. *Gaia* hypothesis (2 marks)
- b) Discuss the concept of 'reality-of-human-life' and its ethical significance (10 marks)
- c) Applied ethics is interdisciplinary. Justify (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the nature of bioethics (10 marks)
- b) Elaborate the competing moral-ontological outlooks in the abortion debate. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the agreement and disagreement that exist between the notions 'terrorist' and 'freedom fighter' (10 marks)
- b) In respect to just-war theory, examine Kenya's military presence in Somalia (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the dominant morality of affirmative action in Africa (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the moral justification for lesbianism (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the scope of development ethics (10 marks)
- b) Explain the link between the ethical discourses on development and environment (10 marks)