



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 203: METAPHYSICS

DATE: 23/11/2020

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the ancient and medieval conception of metaphysics clearly showing its two major weaknesses (10 marks)
- b) Elucidate the concerns of any two branches of metaphysics (10 marks)
- c) Define the following metaphysical terminologies
 - i) Substance (2 marks)
 - ii) Necessity (2 marks)
 - iii) Actuality (2 marks)
 - iv) Universal (2 marks)
 - v) Essence (2 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

The relationship between metaphysics and natural sciences is dialectical. Discuss

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the concept of determinism and free will

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Attempt a philosophical reconciliation between mechanical conception of the world and the Christian belief in miracles

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss any two dualistic theories advanced in explanation of the body-mind relationship