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BA & BED ARTS

Date:

Time:

ARE 312: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Instructions

Answer Question **one (1)** and any **other two (2)** questions.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Define Philosophy (5 marks)

Candidate to show meaning and understanding of the term Philosophy

- (b) What is the role of Philosophy in religion? (15 marks)

Highlight the critical role of philosophy in general

Show how philosophy interacts with religion

- (c) Differentiate between faith and reason (10 marks)

Candidate to show that they understand the concepts of faith and reason

QUESTION TWO

Using examples from your own faith show how religious ethics affects moral reasoning. (20 marks)

Candidate to show understanding of prevailing religious faiths

Show an understanding of the term religious ethics

Show an understanding of the concept of morality

Candidate to show understanding of the meaning of the term reasoning

QUESTION THREE

Critically analyse St. Anselms ontological argument about the existence of God (20 marks)

Candidate to show understanding of the traditional definition of God

Explain the meaning of the terms “ontological” and “ontological argument”
Interpret St. Anselm's ontological argument
Provide a critical analysis of the argument

QUESTION FOUR

Clearly highlight weaknesses of theism and atheism and show how they may have led to agnosticism (20 marks)

Explain the terms “theism” and “atheism”
Explain the problem of evil from the perspectives of both atheists and theists
Justify your claim for or against agnosticism

QUESTION FIVE

Analyse the assertion that verificationism and falsificationism epitomise the problem of God in the language of religion (20 marks)

Candidate to show understanding of the terms verificationism and falsificationism

Show how each concept epitomises the problem of the existence of God in the language of religion