



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 100: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

DATE: 11/8/2021

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (30MARKS)

Define the following:

- a) What is the etymology of the term “Philosophy” (2 marks)
- b) Accordingly, philosophy is about disputes and not resolving any issue. (10 marks)
- c) Elaborate of the major problems of philosophy? (10 marks)
- d) Why are the sophists criticised by Socrates as not philosophers? (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss from Plato’s apology the following:

- a. Aspect of death (10mks)
- b. Socratic ignorance (10mks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Identify and discuss one the major philosophical issue of any one epoch of the history of philosophy.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) What is a philosophical movement? (4 marks)
- b) Explain (16 marks)
 - i) Epicureanism
 - ii) Stoicism
 - iii) Phenomenology
 - iv) existentialism

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Evil is a serious challenge to the idea of the existence of God?