



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

ARE 0101: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

DATE: 28/7/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer question **One** and any other **Two Questions**

1. (a) Explain the following concepts
(i) Epistemology (3 marks)
(ii) Philosophy (3 marks)
(iii) Logic (3 marks)
(iv) Metaphysics (3 marks)
(v) Aesthetics (3 marks)
(b) “Philosophy critically studies the fundamentals of reality”, explain this statement in relation to:
(i) General philosophy (wide world) (8 marks)
(ii) Technical / professional philosophy (small world) (7 marks)
2. (a) State the judeo-christian tradition questions as they relate to God’s existence. (10 marks)
(b) Explain the two divisions of evil highlighting the theism dilemma of evil and good. (10 marks)
3. (a) Explain the concept “philosophy of Religion and its relation to the existence of a supernatural being. (20 marks)
4. (a) Indicate the importance of a National Philosophy. (5 marks)
(b) Explain three elements of Kenya’s National Philosophy. (15 marks)
5. (a) Explain the following **two** schools of thought in the epistemological discourse:
(i) Rationalism (5 marks)
(ii) Empiricism (5 marks)
(b) “Philosophers are puzzled / worried people who require answers for things that happen and exist” Discuss. (10 marks)