



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 400: CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL ISSUES

DATE: 28/7/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the term 'ethics' (2 marks)
- b) Explain normative ethics and Meta-ethics (6 marks)
- c) Explain the relevance of ethical theories (12 marks)
- d) Make a list of guidelines and values that you use in making ethical decisions. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Basing yourself on one philosopher, Discuss the ethical issues of hate speech (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Can the abortion controversy ever be resolved? Discuss. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Sex issues have taken contemporary dimensions. In light of this statement, explicate one such dimension with its ethical implications. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Choose a moral issue that is important to you. Discuss how the guidelines and values you listed in question one (D) help shape your position on that issue. (20 marks)