



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF ARTS**

APH 103 ETHICS

DATE: 30/5/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) What is Metaethics and what are the main questions that metaethical theories try to answer? (10 marks)
- b) What is normative ethics and what are the main questions that normative theories try to answer? (10 marks)
- c) Elaborate the aspects of descriptive ethics. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Define virtue, vice and virtue theory (3 marks)
- b) Discuss and critically evaluate the four cardinal virtues in Plato's virtue ethical theory (17 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- Explain the divine command theory (3 marks)
- Describe Aquinas distinctions between his four concepts of law (17 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- Explain Kant's perspective that "we have no duties to God because we cannot know God" (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- Highlight any one ethical theory and its implications to the youth of Kenya today (20 marks)