



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 300: HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY (MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY)

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) What is the relevance of the study of History of Philosophy (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the notion that William of Okham was the bridge between medieval and modern philosophy. (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Explain the main tenets of Hegel's absolute idealism (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

How would you justify Thomas Hobbes' rejection of rational metaphysics and scholasticism? (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Show how Locke's acceptance of Newton's methodology influenced his empiricism (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Explain why John Dewey's pragmatism is a reflection of practicality of Philosophy (20 marks)

QUESTION SIX

Provide a critique of Rawls social contract theory (20 marks)