



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 103: INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

DATE: 10/5/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following concepts, giving an appropriate example for each concept:
- i. Axiology (2 marks)
 - ii. Descriptive ethics (2 marks)
 - iii. Natural law (2 marks)
 - iv. Human person (2 marks)
 - v. Hedonism (2 marks)
- b) Explain the main branches of philosophical ethics (10 marks)
- c) “An unexamined life is not worth living” (Socrates). Discuss this statement with special reference to ethics. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) The Bill of Rights in the Kenyan constitution is a normative ethical discourse. Justify. (11 marks)
- b) Elaborate three distinctions that exist between Western moral thought and African moral thought (9 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain two main contentious ethical issues surrounding abortion in the Kenyan 2010 Constitution making process (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the moral position of a utilitarian concerning abortion (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain three ethical considerations before marketing a product (9 marks)
- b) Discuss three moral virtues of a marketer according to virtue ethics (11 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Demonstrate why death penalty is unacceptable to a deontologist. (10 marks)
- b) Explain morality from autonomous will in respect to Immanuel Kant (10 marks)