



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 201 ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY

DATE: 24/9/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Philosophy grew out of myth. Discuss. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain the proposition that Plotinus is the link between ancient and medieval philosophy (10 Marks)
- c) Define the following concepts as used in philosophy;
 - i. Atomism (2 Marks)
 - ii. Scholastics (2 Marks)
 - iii. Accident (2 Marks)
 - iv. Unmoved mover (2 Marks)
 - v. Skepticism (2 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the distinction that exists between pre-Socratic philosophy and post-Socratic philosophy (10 Marks)
- b) Explain two challenges that Sophists presented to the project of philosophy (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain Plato's "allegory of the cave" (10 Marks)
- (b) Discuss Aristotle's skepticism concerning democracy. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the concept of divine predestination according to St. Augustine (10 Marks)
- b) Illustrate Anselm's ontological argument (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- Demonstrate the significance of Thomas Aquinas in the history of philosophy (20 Marks)