



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 202: EPISTEMOLGY

DATE: 21/11/2023

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30MARKS)

- a) Explicate the etymology of the term Epistemology (3 marks)
- b) Why do we care about knowledge? (10 marks)
- c) Using examples, explain the relationship between Necessary conditions and Sufficient conditions (10 marks)
- d) Outline the basic structure of the structure of justification theory of knowledge (7 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss in detail the notion of skepticism as understood by Rene Descartes

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the concern of Edmund Gettier in his classical paper “is justified true belief knowledge?”

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

What is Alvin Goldman up to with his epistemological project?

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Is Harvey Siegel redefining the nature of epistemology?