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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH100: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

DATE: 6/12/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Is philosophy an activity that has become irrelevant? (10 marks)
- b) If Socrates is right that no one can teach wisdom, what is it that philosophers teach? (10 marks)
- c) Are the Rationalist and Empiricists correct on their perspective of knowledge? (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Francis Bacon assigned himself the task of reforming the philosophy of his day. His central criticism was that learning had become stagnant due to four idols of the mind. Discuss. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Is there a problem with the problem of evil (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Each historical period had its own problem to address. Choose any period of your choice and explain one key issue it sought to address.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Citing relevant authorities, explain why the church was blamed by the philosophers of modern period for improper education?