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**KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE BACHELOR OF BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**KLC 2106 – INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

Date: 13<sup>TH</sup> December 2024  
Time: 2:30PM – 4:30PM

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

**AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY IN CONTEXT**

African philosophy can be formally defined as a critical thinking by Africans on their experiences of reality. It concerns itself with the way in which African people of the past and present make sense of their destiny and of the world in which they live. African philosophy bears in mind the African, its world, history, values, ecology, politics, science, and the significant impact these make on their and others lives. It is holistic in nature.

African philosophy is focused on a joint well-being of that community. The individual can be Umuntu because of that community. “No man is an island”. African philosophy is about being able to build communities and give people a sense of identity and a sense of belonging. In many ways it encourages individuals within that structure to be humble and also allows one to have a profounder acceptance of ourselves. It enables that individual to simplify the human experience. African philosophy is embodied by religious and moral beliefs of the African people as a continent.

Sage philosophy is gear for indigenous thinkers, who didn't have the benefit of modern education although they are thought to be critical thinkers. They are able to use their judgement based on an inborn insight and understanding of their environment. These are the people who question the authority of those in power in specific communities, observe the community and warn, and advise the people of the possible outcomes. They allow decision and ideas to be thought out and critical looked at to see what will benefit the community. As a country it is vital, we develop critical thinking at all levels of education and society. Allowing us a country to questions ideas, that makes states function. The critical thinkers represent those who cannot voice their views because of fear or any other oppression methods. The capacity to scrutinize your surrounding and have the understanding certain components that can benefit the great community. We continue using methods of western civilization and see the effects they have at higher levels of society and expect them as the norm. If we live in Africa, we need to focus upon things that can help us improve our life, not neglecting appropriate aspects from others. African philosophy should be introduced at schools. This would help learners acquire critical thinking skills and give them a sense of community.

Use the above essay to answer the questions below.

- From the excerpt, explain in your own understanding, what is philosophy and what it is not. (6 Marks)
- Basing on the essay, Highlight with relevant examples different areas in which African philosophy can be applied. (6 Marks)

- c) African philosophy is focused on a joint well-being of that community. *The individual can be Umuntu (Personality) because of that community.* Analyze what you understand by this statement. (6 Marks)
- d) From the passage, explain how sage philosophers were useful to the African societies. (6 Marks)
- e) Justify, African philosophy in comparison to Western philosophy. (6 Marks)

### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) The African societies revered the sages, not because of their eloquence, but actualization. Explain the essentials that African leaders should put into practice to show their wisdom (7 Marks)
- b) Validate why reasoning is a powerful tool in doing philosophy. (7 Marks)
- c) Highlight the themes of philosophy. (6 Marks)

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) As student of philosophy, analyze how you can apply philosophical ideas to solve your human problems. (7 Marks)
- b) As information and technology student, justify why philosophical knowledge is beneficial to your studies. (7 Marks)
- c) Philosophy begun with wonders. Show how different minds have contributed to worlds development. (6 Marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Justify, Eastern and African philosophies are holistic in nature as compared to Western philosophy. (7 Marks)
- b) Hedonism is simply the idea that pleasure is good, maximizing pleasure while minimizing suffering. Explain the pitfall of this statement. (7 Marks)
- c) Explain the contributions of modern philosophy to the world. (6 Marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the contribution of philosophy to the modern world. (7 Marks)
- b) State and explain how you apply branches of philosophy in life. (7 Marks)
- c) Friedrich Nietzsche's theorized that God is dead, justify your proves on the existence of God basing on Thomistic philosophical knowledge. (6 Marks)