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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Date: 29th July, 2022 Time: 2.30pm –4.30pm

KLC 2106 – INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

PHILOSOPHY FOR LIFE

The subject of Philosophy and its subcategories have been widely discussed in both the Western and non-Western world though with different focuses. To some, philosophy is mere arguments, other it encourages critical rational, to some it is to principles and slogans. To others it used to spoil the youth mind to cause revolutions and political expediency.

Philosophy includes many different subfields involving investigation into our existence. These subfields include epistemology, ethics, logic, metaphysics, philosophy of science, social and political philosophy, and Meta philosophy. Epistemology focuses on the study of Knowledge, also known as "Theory of Knowledge". Ethics involves the study of moral values and rules, Logic; the study of reasoning. Metaphysics is the study of being and knowing also known as the principles of reality. The Philosophy of Science analyzes the nature and results of scientific inquiry. Social and Political Philosophy.

These methods of thinking include Critical, Rational, Systematic, Reflective, and normative thinking. Each of which helps find a conclusion or truth. The method of critical thinking explores what it means to be critical and how we think critically. Critical thinking can be defined as an approach to ideas from the standpoint of deliberate consideration. Philosophy differs from Religion in that this critical thinking is a primary characteristic used in Western Philosophy. Religion is a belief and way of life, while philosophy is the knowledge or understanding of life. In Greek Philo means love, and Sophy, wisdom. Hence philosophy is most one who loves wisdom.

Non-western Philosophies incorporates both science, experience culture andreligion to answer questions. Furthermore, all Sciences are subsets of philosophy. Philosophy represents the mind, a deduction reasoning, unaided, based on observable, reflection, and religion, a process of faith. Religion is Dogmatic, a code of conduct revealed upon mankind through revelation. Furthermore, religion depends upon God, or a mysterious force. Because of this, when a philosophy is codified into rituals and faith, it becomes a religion. Religion tends to back away from rational discourse, as opposed to Philosophy, which is all about rational discourse, logical reasoning and critical thinking. The aim of philosophy is to give logical and observable facts using an aided human reason, while faith is faith based. However, they have one common goal to know the Truth.

USE THE ESSAY ABOVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BELOW

a) Based on the above essay, examine the differences between religion and philosophy as scientific disciplines.

(6 marks)

b) To some, philosophy is mere arguments, to others, it is a critical rational thinking, or principles and slogans. Examine why there has been disagreements on what is philosophy.

(6 marks)

c) Analyze, based on the essay "A philosopher is one who loves wisdom."

(6 marks)

- d) Explain the relevance of various branches philosophy in life.(6 marks)
- e) Non-western Philosophy incorporates both science, experience culture and religion in their philosophies. **Evaluate** the main types of Philosophies the writer is referring to.

(6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

a) Explain the relationship between philosophy and wisdom.

(7 marks)

b) Evaluate the Hegelian statement, Historical system should treat Africa as a land where reasoning has not yet attained the realization of any objective existence.

(7 marks)

c) Explain reasons why every human person is termed as a philosopher.

(6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

- a) As student of philosophy, analyze how the youths, can use philosophical ideas to encounter challenges that bedevil the world today. (7 marks)
- b) Explain why there are different notions on philosophy.

(7 marks

c) The biblical Thomas is an example of a skeptic philosopher, **Examine** the benefits of skepticisms as an aspiring philosopher. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) As an information and technology student, Explain how the media can be used to sensitize the community on election of responsible leaders.

(10 marks)

b) Discuss various philosophical methods that can help in understanding the society.

(10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) The African approach to philosophy is holistic. **Discuss**, this statement, showing how the Africans can regain their lost glory, taking into account the challenges they face today.

(10marks)

b) Some of us still live in the Platonian theory of the *allegory of the cave*. Analyze this statement based on today's world. (10 marks)