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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

Date: 8th December, 2023
Time: 2.30pm –4.30pm

KLC 2106 - INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

PHILOSOPHY IS LIFE

As Jane was going around collecting data for her research, she was at pains to observe, myriad of challenges on the mother earth. Dry weather conditions, water shortage, poor sanitation, dirty pools of water, dust rolling down the valleys, members of her society affected with different diseases, huge piles of refuse... and famine. She remembered that, World Health Organization and environmentalists had warned that the Kenyan Government must think critically to alleviate this situation. She wished that different stakeholders could have acted long time ago, on time. She convinced herself it is not late if only the local government can support her research recommendations. Another worry was that Meteorological Department had warned too that El Niño rains are just about to start. Her concern was, no much preparation had been put in place, she blamed it for lack of critical thinking on the past, present and the future. After some time, she met her classmates who challenged her that they should think on what to do, in support of their beloved country. They critically came up with different ideas to present to the County government as mitigating measures. They also thought to involve their fellow friends to come up with different ideas on these issues. On their discussions, they lamented on poor leadership and management, decision and planning, skills, that have led to massive destruction of the mother earth. "In her conclusion she wrote: This is lack of wisdom, Ubuntu Philosophy holds valuable insights that extend beyond the ordinariness. It emphasizes on human dignity embracing diversity and recognizing the commonality of all beings and creation. It is a timeless message that resonates with people seeking a more harmonious and interconnected world, without which humanity is doomed.

- As a student of philosophy, **Justify** the title of Jane's case study, *Philosophy is a science of Life*.
(6marks)
- Socrates says, Philosophy begins with wonder. **Examine** some of the instances from the excerpt that might have provoked Jane to wonder.
(6marks)
- Philosophy as science should be holistic in nature. **Discuss** various ways in which this can be realized.
(6marks)
- She convinced herself it is not late if only the local government can support her ideas. Analyze the ideas Jane can recommend, as a philosopher.
(6marks)
- Evaluate different methods of doing philosophy in the above extract.
(6marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain how you can apply different methods of doing philosophy in various dimension of human development. (7 marks)
- b) The Biblical Thomas is an example of a skeptic, **Analyze** the critical contribution of the skeptics in the modern world. (7 marks)
- c) Basing on patristic philosophers, **Analyze** the relationship between faith and reason. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the relevance of philosophy to the youth life. (7Marks)
- b) Explain into details the importance of branches of philosophy in life. (7marks)
- c) Discuss using Relevant examples how African leaders can use philosophical knowledge to improve on human life. (6marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) With relevant examine, five examples of logical fallacies (7 arks)
- b) Modern man is exposed to more challenges, discuss how Indian philosophy can be used to alleviate the menace. (7 marks)
- c) According to Hegel's, and some western philosophers, Africans are incapable of philosophizing? Critique, with relevant examples. (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE(20 MARKS)

- a) Critique, on these philosophical ideas on the contemporary life.
i) Epicureans.
ii) Stoics
iii) Hedonist (7 marks)
- b) **Analyze**, in details with relevant examples, "A philosopher is one who loves wisdom." (7 marks)
- c) Different philosophers have different maxims for life, **Justify** on any philosophical principle worthy for your life and how you can apply it. (6 marks)