



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 202 EPISTEMOLOGY

DATE: 4/12/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explicate the etymology of the term epistemology (3 marks)
- b) Explain why 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 justification theory of knowledge (7 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss Rene Descartes' notion of skepticism and foundationalism

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Explain the gist of Edmund Gettier in his classical paper "is justified true belief knowledge?"

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Elaborate the social epistemological project

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the "reasons conception" argumentation for a new approach to epistemology.