



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**APH 100: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

**DATE: 3/12/2019**

**TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS**

## **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the etymology of the term “Philosophy” (4 marks)
- b) Philosophy raises more questions than answers. Discuss (12 marks)
- c) Basing yourself on the philosophical thought of Socrates, highlight the key aspects of philosophy. (14 marks)

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

During the medieval period, philosophy served as the handmaid of theology. Elaborate

Or

Philosophy played a key role for scientific and technological development. Elaborate

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

Explain the meaning of the following philosophical terms

- a) Empiricism
- b) Rationalism
- c) Existentialism
- d) phenomenology

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

Elaborate of the major problems of philosophy

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

Discuss the problem of evil