



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF ARTS (COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY)

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

APH 100: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

DATE: 27/1/2022

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- Using relevant illustrations, discuss any five characteristics of Philosophy. (15 marks)
- Using any five practical examples, show the importance of studying philosophy for a student at Machakos University. (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

“Proofs advanced to prove the existence of God have only helped to justify the position that God is dead.” Using appropriate proofs, discuss your position to this statement.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate how the following maxim can help instill morality to individuals in the Kenyan society, “Act in such a way that you treat humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, never merely as a means to an end, but always at the same time as an end.”

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Adequately critique the empiricist school of thought and explain whether you would adopt it as a theory of knowledge from an epistemological perspective.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss how Cartesian “*Mediations on First Philosophy*” exemplifies autonomy of thought.