



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR ONE SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMM. DEV)

COURSE CODE: BAS 103

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 10/04/18

TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- **The examination has SIX (6) questions**
- **Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY**
- **Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions**
- **Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary**
- **Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room**
- **Do not write on this paper**

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Explain the difference between the physical world and the world of the Forms. [9 marks]
- (b) Explain Aristotle's Theory of the Four Causes (Causality) [8 marks]
- (c) Compare the Christian and Islamic teachings about God as a creator [8 marks]

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Evaluate the view that science can only explain how and not why the universe exists. [7 marks]
- (b) Describe any four dimensions of religion as identified by Ninian Smart [8 marks]

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Discuss the different explanations of faith and reason on the occurrence of miracles [6 marks]
- (b) Using examples from different religions, explain the role of scriptures, founders and proverbs as sources of religious study. [9 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) 'The sufferings of innocent people destroy any attempt to explain why God allows moral evil.' Discuss. [9 marks]
- (b) Describe any three philosophical arguments for the existence of God [6 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Describe the four major branches of philosophy [8 marks]
- (b) Using two examples in each case, differentiate between inductive reasoning and deductive reasoning [7 marks]

QUESTION SIX

- (a) "Traditional African religion is good for those who practice it". Discuss. [7 marks]
- (b) Explain the difference between professional philosophy and ethno philosophy as trends of African philosophy [8 marks]

