

UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY
Institute of Ethics and Development Studies
INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THOUGHT

Year One

Semester One Final Examination

Academic Year 2013 - 2014

Thursday: 19th December 2013

10:00am - 1:00pm

Instructions:

1. Please read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
 2. Read each question carefully and write legibly.
 3. Answer any three questions (3) questions. Question one (1) is compulsory.
 4. All questions carry equal marks
 5. Each question attempted should be on a new page
 6. Do not write anything on this question paper
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1. Examine the meaning and relevance of critical thinking in personal, social and professional life.
2. Explain the relationship between argument and disagreement. Show how you would use both deductive and inductive arguments to resolve different disagreements.
3. Orientation is an important aspect in both educational and non-educational institutions. Show the importance of orientation basing on the lessons that you learnt during the orientation week at Uganda Martyrs University.
4. You have been asked by the class to prepare a paper to be presented to Year One students in the Faculty of Science on how to read and write good critical essays. Which issues would you consider and how would you go about them?
5. Esther is a mother of three teenage children. As a beautiful growing up girl, she always dreamt of giving birth to beautiful and handsome children. To realize her dream, Esther always looked forward to being married to a handsome man. As fate would befall, Esther got married to a man who was morally upright but not handsome. Committed to her childhood dream of beautiful and handsome children, all Esther's children were born of three different men, who were not her husband. To safeguard her marriage, she even never disclosed paternity of the children to their real fathers or the children themselves. As a grown up person, Esther is now being haunted by her conscience for cheating on her caring husband, and making him take care of children who are not his. She is considering disclosing the truth to her husband, children, and the real fathers of the children but she is fearful of the consequences. On learning that you studied critical thinking, she now comes to you for advice. Identify the critical issues in the story, and show how you advise her?