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PLS 1501

Introduction to Western Philosophy

100 Marks
Duration: 24 Hours

This paper consists of 2 pages including this cover page.

<u>Instructions</u>:

Your exam consists of 3 QUESTIONS.

SECTION A which consists of ONE QUESTION is COMPULSORY and counts 50 marks

You can choose to answer ANY TWO of the FOUR QUESTIONS under SECTION B

All 3 answers must be submitted as part of A SINGLE word file/ text DOCUMENT.

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Good luck and all of the best.

SECTION A [50 marks]

The question in this section is compulsory.

1. Write an essay {*maximum 1000 words*} in which in light of your studies this semester, provide a detailed answer to the following interrelated questions (which must form the main sections of your essay). (i) What is Western philosophy? (ii) What value, if any, can it in your opinion contribute to South African society? [in answering this question, you are encouraged to make recourse to etymology, branches, history and historical figures in philosophy]

SECTION B [50 marks]

Choose any 2 questions in this section.

2. Please discuss Aristotle's doctrine of the four causes applying it to the an illustrated visualisation of the microscopic coronavirus as seen in fig 1 . hereunder. [In your answer you must first set out Aristotle's doctrine of the four causes and use Fig 1 as your example/ illustration].{maximum 500 words} **[25 marks]**
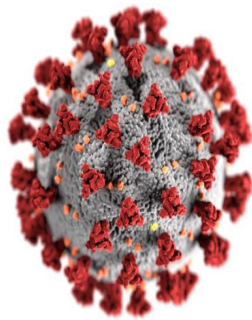

Figure 1 [1]

1. Discuss in detail Plato's allegory of the cave and its philosophical (epistemological and political) significance {maximum 500 words}
   [25 marks]

2. Critically discuss Aquinas' 5 proofs for the existence of God {maximum 500 words}
   [25marks]

3. Discuss St Augustine's Epistemology with a special reference to the role of God within it. {maximum 500 words} **[25 marks]**

TOTAL [100 MARKS]