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Introduction To Western Philosophy

100 Marks

Duration 3 Hours

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This paper consists of SIX (6) pages.

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Section A: Short paragraph questions

<u>Instructions</u>:

- Answer all **THREE** questions in this Section.
- Each description should not be more than **250 words** in length.

a) Study Unit 1 describes the history of institutionalised philosophy in South Africa. Briefly explain how the colonial structuring of philosophy undermined the very idea of philosophy as the 'love of wisdom'. [15 marks]

b) Why in your view should the Milesian philosophers be called "metaphysicians". Refer to your study guide. [15 marks]

c) The phrase, *"That than which nothing greater can be conceived"* is the basic premise of a famous argument for the existence of God. Briefly describe this argument and the problems it encounters. Refer to the study guide. [15 marks]

[Total: 3 questions x 15 marks = 45 marks]

Section B: Long essay question

<u>Instructions</u>:

- Select and answer only **ONE** question from this section.
- In your answer, you are expected to demonstrate your understanding of the subject content and your ability to reflect critically on the question.
- Indicate the length of your essay.
- Your essay should **NOT exceed 1000 words**. Essays that exceed the prescribed length may not be marked.

1. For Plato the ultimate real features of the universe are the "Forms", whilst for Aristotle they are the individual things that make up the world. Which view do you think is correct and why?

2. "If you have a legal problem, you seek advice from a lawyer (legal expert). If you have a medical problem, you seek advice from your general practitioner (medical expert). In politics we seem to believe that anyone who can collect the necessary number of votes is able to rule." Discuss Plato's solution to this problem? State whether you agree with his theory and why?

3. There are many ideas that Augustine borrows from Plato although he modifies most of them. Identify and explain how Augustine uses each of these ideas in his metaphysics and theory of knowledge.

[Total: 1 essay x 55 marks = 55 marks]

Total: Section A: [45 marks] + Section B: [55 marks] = [100 marks]

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