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PLS1501

Introduction To Western Philosophy

100 Marks

Duration 3 Hours

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This paper consists of 4 pages.

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Section A:

Short Paragraph Questions.

Describe any **FOUR** of the following branches/concepts in philosophy. Descriptions should not be more than 500 words each.

- a) Ethics
- b) Medieval Philosophy
- c) Western Philosophy
- d) Epistemology
- e) Metaphysics

[Total: 4 questions x 10 marks = 40 marks]

Section B:

Long essay questions

Select and answer only **ONE** question. Maximum Length 1000 words.

1. Pre-Socratic philosophers were especially preoccupied with the search for a single substance underlying the apparent diversity in nature. Compare and contrast their different accounts. In your view, which account is more plausible and why?
2. In detail, discuss the key aspects of Plato's theory of knowledge. What are some of its serious shortcomings?
3. With specific reference to the history of the teaching and practice of philosophy in South Africa, critically analyse why the struggle to transform the philosophy curriculum is a struggle for epistemic and social justice?

[Total: 1 essay x 60 marks = 60 marks]

Total: [100 marks]

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