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PLS1501

Introduction To Western Philosophy

100 Marks

Duration 3 Hours

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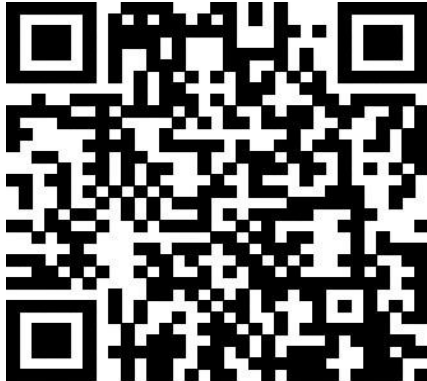
Second examiner: Prof. C.D. Scott

This paper consists of Three (3) pages.

Instructions:

- This Question paper consist of Two Sections. Answer questions from both sections.
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Section A: Short paragraph questions

Instructions:

- Answer **ALL THREE** questions in this Section.
 - Each description should not be more than **250 words** in length.
- a) The early Greek philosophers are credited with putting forward the first theories of nature and the cosmos that moved beyond religious mythology. Briefly explain the significance of this to philosophy as we know it today. [15 marks]
- b) Briefly discuss the reasons why Plato believes that ethics cannot be separated from epistemology and politics. [15 marks]
- c) The notion of “disordered love” is central to Augustine’s moral philosophy. What does the theory say and why does Augustine believe it is a problem? Do you agree with him? [Provide reasons to support your position]. [15 marks]

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

Section B: Long essay question

Instructions:

- 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. '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? Do you agree with his theory? [Provide valid reasons to support your position].
 2. Select and discuss only two arguments for the existence of God by Thomas Aquinas that you think are the strongest and most convincing. Provide valid philosophical reasons to support your choice.
 3. 'For Plato the ultimate real features of the universe are the Forms; for Aristotle they are the individual things that make up the world.' Discuss this statement in detail. Which view do you think is correct and why?

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

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

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