

## PLS1502: ESSAY QUESTION – ASSESSMENT 2

**Dear Students**

**Assessment 2 consist of 2 long essay questions.** Please choose one essay question to respond to: **Write on either option A or B but NOT on both options.**

### **OPTION A:**

Contemporary African Philosophy is characterized by several ways of classification. Write an essay in which you compare and contrast Oruka's (2002) classification with Nkombe and Smet's (1978) classification of African philosophy.

#### **Guideline**

- In your discussion explain why Oruka included Ethnophilosophy even though he argues that it is not philosophy.
- Include a discussion on which classification do you prefer and why?

[50 marks]

### **OPTION B:**

E. Biakolo identified 5 (five) categories of cross-cultural cognition which he claims are often used to distinguish Africans from Europeans, which he calls the African condition. Give a detailed discussion of any three pairs of the categories, indicating where you agree and disagree and why you do so.

#### **Guideline**

- In your discussion explain what Biakolo understood to mean by cross-cultural cognition and the purpose it served in what he argued to be an "African Condition"

[50 marks]