

PLS1501

May/June 2019

Introduction to Western Philosophy

Duration : 2 Hours

100 Marks

EXAMINERS :

FIRST :

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SECOND :

MR PT DELPORT

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Section A [40]

Select any 4 questions out of this question

Each question is worth 10 marks

Section B [60]

Select any 2 questions, each question is out of 30 marks

Section A [40]

1. What in your understanding are the concerns of the philosophical branch known as Ethics?
2. What in your understanding is Western Philosophy (in your answer you may include a discussion of its branches, problems of study, trends, history and important figures)
3. What in your understanding are the concerns of the philosophical branch known as Metaphysics?
4. What in your understanding are the concerns of the philosophical branch known as Aesthetics?
5. What in your understanding are the concerns of the philosophical branch known as Logic?
6. What in your understanding are the concerns of the philosophical branch known as Epistemology?
7. What in your understanding are the concerns of the philosophical branch known as Political Philosophy?

Section B [60]

8 In what sense can the practice and teaching of philosophy in South Africa be understood as a colonial practice?

9. Discuss Aristotle's four causes with reference to Kente cloth (A handwoven fabric made in Ghana by the Akan people and worn on important occasions).

**You are required to both discuss the doctrine of the four causes and then apply it carefully to the example of Kente cloth)*

10. Discuss the Allegory of Plato's Cave with specific attention to its epistemological significance

**You are required to discuss Plato's Allegory first and then analyse it paying special attention to its significance with regards to the nature of knowledge*

11. Discuss Augustine ethical theory with reference to his concept of Natural Law

12. Discuss Aquinas' five proofs for the existence of God