

Oct/Nov 2022

PLS1501

Introduction To Western Philosophy

100 Marks

Duration 3 Hours

First examiner: Prof. P. Mungwini

Second examiner: Prof. C.D. Scott

This paper consists of Four pages.

Instructions:

- This Question paper consist of Two Sections. Answer questions from both sections.
- You must use the Invigilator App for this Exam.
- An Honesty Declaration must be submitted for all 'Take Home' Examinations.

Invigilator App: Exam QR Code & QR Access Code



QR Access Code: 0cacdf0d

- Please note that you should scan the QR code as soon as you start with your assessment.
- For Take-Home exams, you should scan the QR Code as soon as you have downloaded your question paper during the 15-minute download window before the official exam start time per the timetable.

- Please take note that you can only scan the QR code for a limited time after the commencement time of the assessment and it should therefore be scanned as soon as possible to start the invigilation.
- Please take note that you can only scan the QR code once. Make sure you are ready to start the assessment when you scan the QR Code.
- It is important to note that you must adhere to the time limit in your myExams assessment as the invigilation time in the app could exceed the time allocated to complete your assessment.
- Keep the Invigilator app open on your cell phone during the assessment. You are not allowed to leave or minimise the application.
- If you experience technical difficulties on The Invigilator App, contact the technical helpdesk via **WhatsApp** on **073 505 8273**.

Additional student instructions

1. Students must upload their answer scripts in a single PDF file on the official myExams platform (answer scripts must not be password protected or uploaded as "read-only" files).
2. **NO** e-mailed scripts will be accepted.
3. Students are advised to preview submissions (answer scripts) to ensure legibility and that the correct answer script file has been uploaded.
4. Students are permitted to resubmit their answer scripts should their initial submission be unsatisfactory.
5. Incorrect file format and uncollated answer scripts will not be considered.
6. Incorrect answer scripts and/or submissions made on unofficial examination platforms (including the invigilator cellphone application) will not be marked and no opportunity will be granted for resubmission.
7. A mark awarded for an incomplete submission will be the student's final mark. No opportunity for resubmission will be granted.
8. A mark awarded for illegible scanned submission will be the student's final mark. No opportunity for resubmission will be granted.
9. Only the last file uploaded and submitted will be marked.
10. Submissions will only be accepted from registered student accounts.
11. Students who have not utilised invigilation or proctoring tools will be deemed to have transgressed Unisa's examination rules and will have their marks withheld.
12. Students have 48 hours from the day of their examination to upload their invigilator results from the Invigilator App. Failure to do so will result in students deemed not to have utilised invigilation or proctoring tools.

13. Students must complete the online declaration of their work when submitting. Students suspected of dishonest conduct during the examinations will be subjected to disciplinary processes. Students may not communicate with other students or request assistance from other students during examinations. Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity, and students who do plagiarise or copy verbatim from published work will be in violation of the Policy on Academic Integrity and the Student Disciplinary Code and may be referred to a disciplinary hearing. Unisa has zero tolerance for plagiarism and/or any other forms of academic dishonesty.
14. Students are provided 30 minutes to submit their answer scripts after the official examination time. Students who experience technical challenges should report to the SCSC on 080 000 1870 or their College exam support centers (refer to the [Get help during the examinations by contacting the Student Communication Service Centre \(unisa.ac.za\)](#)) within 30 minutes. Queries received after one hour of the official examination duration time will not be responded to. Submissions made after the official examination time will be rejected by the examination regulations and will not be marked.
15. Non-adherence to the processes for uploading examination responses will not qualify the student for any special concessions or future assessments.
16. Queries that are beyond Unisa's control include the following:
 - a. Personal network or service provider issues
 - b. Load shedding/limited space on personal computer
 - c. Crashed computer
 - d. Using work computers that block access to myExams site (work firewall challenges)
 - e. Unlicensed software (eg license expires during exams)

Postgraduate students experiencing the above challenges are advised to apply for an aegrotat and submit supporting evidence within ten days of the examination session. Students will not be able to apply for an aegrotat for a third examination opportunity. Postgraduate/Undergraduate students experiencing the above challenges in their second examination opportunity will have to reregister for the affected module.

17. Students experiencing technical challenges should contact the SCSC on 080 000 1870 or via e-mail at Examenquiries@unisa.ac.za or refer to the [Get help during the examinations by contacting the Student Communication Service Centre \(unisa.ac.za\)](#) for the list of additional contact numbers. Communication received from your myLife account will be considered.

Section A: Short paragraph questions:

Instructions for Section A:

- Describe any **THREE** of the following branches/concepts in philosophy.
- Each description should not be more than **300 words** in length.

a) Metaphysics

- b) Classical Philosophy
- c) Logic
- d) Political Philosophy

[Total (Section A): 3 questions x 15 marks = 45 marks]

Section B: Essay question:

Instructions for Section B:

- Select and answer only **ONE** question from this section.
 - In your answer, you are expected to demonstrate your understanding of the module content and your ability to reflect critically on the question posed.
 - Indicate the length of your essay.
 - Your essay should **NOT exceed 1000 words**. Essays that exceed the prescribed length *may* not be marked.
1. Provide a brief historical account of the practice and teaching of Western philosophy in South Africa. What are some of the historical challenges that philosophy in South Africa must address and why?
 2. Discuss the ethical theory of Augustine in terms of the following concepts: “God as our chief good”, “love”, and “free will”.
 3. Discuss Aristotle’s response to the following questions:
“What can we know and how do we arrive at knowledge of the world?” [In your response include his ideas on particulars and universals.]

[Total (Section B): 1 essay x 55 marks = 55 marks]

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