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NAME OF EXAMINATION: B.A (HONS)

SUBJECT AND TITLE OF PAPER: PHL 101 – INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

TIME: 2 HOURS

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- 1a. Discuss extensively your understanding of philosophy and its major branches.
- b. Discuss extensively and explain reasons why there is no universal definition of Philosophy.
2. "The three (3) Ionian Philosophers gave different views as to what should be the original stuff of the universe in which all things came from".
(a) Discuss the philosophies of these three philosophers
(b) Which of the views will you consider as a reasonable explanation of the original stuff of the universe
3. "The idea of change in Heraclitus contradict greatly the view of Parmenides". Discuss in details the philosophies of the two Philosophers with your views clearly highlighted.
4. Attempt a critical examination of Plato's idea of "Philosopher King" and his idea of "Form" using the allegory of the cave.
5. In the history of Philosophy, Aristotle's view of women prompted some people to refer to him as a misogynist. How true is this assumption?
6. Discuss the idea of the immortality of the soul and the doctrine of Orphism in relation to the Philosophy of Pythagoras.