

Midterm exams

(Answer only Three Questions: All questions carry equal Marks)

Time: 2 hours.

Do not write in long, “winding” sentences. Provide short responses. No more than 150 words per question!

1. Discuss the key differences between radical and moderate communitarianism as outlined by Ifeanyi Menkiti and Kwame Gyekye. Which position do you prefer and why?
2. In our class conversations, we articulated the idea of Negritude as subjective reclamation in colonial/oppressive structures. Can you identify and **discuss** three reasons that gave rise to the emergence of Negritude?
3. What is African Philosophy? Is there an African philosophy? Drawing on the conversations (and in a few sentences) problematize these questions and their relevance to the discipline of philosophy in general.
4. What are the most important trends in African philosophy, according to Odera Oruka? Critique these trends
5. What are the core arguments of Steve Biko’s Black Consciousness Philosophy? Can you make any connection to the Black Lives Matter movement in the USA or The Netherlands?

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(If you had not spoken out, no one would have noticed that you are not a philosopher)

C.F. Boethius, *De Consolatione Philosophiae* 2, 17