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PCR311 PHILOSOPHIES AND GREAT PERSONALITIES OF PEACE (3 CR)
TIME ALLOWED: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any 3 questions.

1. Plato described the philosopher as a man whose passion is to seek the truth; a man whose heart is fixed for reality.
According to Aristotle, 'Philosophy is rightly called the knowledge of the truth, while Epicurus described philosophy as an utility which secures the happy life by means of discussion, and argument

a) Expound Plato's definition by borrowing Chambers Universal Learners' Dictionary definition of philosophy and Aristotle's description of the concept

b) How do the Plato-Aristotle definitions differ from the description of philosophy by Epicurus?

2. What do you understand by the following:

a). Epistemology?

b) Logic?

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a) Write on what you know about the three African philosophers that contributed to the Hellenistic, Christian or the Islamic philosophy

b) Kenyan philosopher, Henry OderaOruka, has distinguished six categories of what he calls trends in modern African philosophy. State what you understand by Nationalist-ideological philosophy.

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a) Point out and discuss one of the events in the early life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy that portrayed him as a patriot with traits of leadership

b) Name and discuss the five things **NnamdiAzikiwe** did in his early career to initiate and promote Nigerian/pro-Africa nationalism?

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a) Name four non Nigerian great personalities of Peace of African origin highlighted in this course.

b) State why Nelson Mandel should be counted among the great personalities of Peace in Africa.