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**University Examinations 2015/2016**

FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

**BFB 3414: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

**DATE: AUGUST, 2016 TIME: HOURS**



**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Answer question* ***one*** *and any other* ***two*** *questions.*

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

1. Briefly explain the meaning of the following terms as used in philosophy. (10 Marks)
2. Search for knowledge
3. Hierarchy of values
4. Christian philosophy
5. Possibility and necessity
6. Consequent passion
7. Describe the considerations that motivate a philosopher. (4 Marks)
8. Compare and contrast philosophy and science. ( 6 Marks)
9. According to Socrates (469-399 BC) “an unexamined life is not worth living”. Discuss.

(10 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

1. With clearly stated examples from your area of specialization (Option) , explain how you would apply theories of knowledge in capacity building of employees. (8 Marks)
2. To some philosophers, “The end justifies the means” While to others “The means justifies the end”. Make an ethical critique of these statements. (6 Marks)
3. In reference to the philosophical definition of truth, discuss the conditions of knowledge.

(6 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

1. Briefly describe the rise of scholasticism. (4 Marks)
2. In reference to philosophical understanding of possibility and necessity, discuss the relationship between faith and reason. (8 Marks)
3. Compare and contrast the main characteristics of philosophy in ancient and medieval times. (8 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

1. With clearly stated examples, differentiate between human act and act of man.(4 Marks)
2. Philosophers are disturbed by the question “ Is man really free?”. Critique this question,

(16 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

1. In your own opinion is Mind -body problem real? Justify your answer. (5 Marks)
2. In reference to specific philosophers, discuss the suggested solutions to the problem referred to in (5a) above. (15 Marks)