



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
(MAIN CAMPUS)**

APH 301: METAPHYSICS

Date: 25th November, 2013

Time: 8.30 - 10.30 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer ANY THREE questions.**

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APH 301 – METAPHYSICS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ANY THREE questions. Each question carries 23 and 1/3 marks.

1. (a) Define the term metaphysics stating its literal and technical meanings, and citing its origin!
- (b) Briefly state and define the main branches of metaphysics
2. Write notes on the following terms!
 - (a) Cosmology, and in particular metaphysical cosmology;
 - (b) Cosmogony; and
 - (c) Eschatology.
3. (a) State and explain the kinds of questions that ontology engages in!
 - (c) Highlight the ontologies of Heraclitus, Parmenides, Plato, and Aristotle!
4. (a) Briefly define the following: theism, deism, monotheism, atheism, polytheism, and pantheism!
 - (b) Outline the general characteristics of the cosmological and design arguments for God's existence!
 - (c) Show how the argument from evil attempts to challenge the existence of God!
5. (a) Define mind within the context of metaphysics!
 - (b) Explain the significance of the notion of intentionality in relation to consciousness!

(c) Highlight the dualist (interactionism, parallelism, occasionalism, epiphenomenalism etc.) and monist (behaviourism, identity theory, functionalism, physicalism, etc.) solutions to the mind-body problem.

6. (a) With examples demonstrate the place and status of metaphysics as a philosophical subject!

(b) How does it relate to other philosophical subjects such as logic, ethics, and epistemology?

(c) How does it relate to non-philosophical disciplines like sociology, and anthropology?