



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

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

**APH 405: PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY**

*Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013*

*Time: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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1. (a) Outline St. Augustine's view of history in the Tale of the Two Cities.  
(b) What is the place of Christianity in that view of History?
2. (a) Define the notion of modernity.  
(b) Critically assess the role and influence of the notion of modernity in view of historical progression and developments today.
3. (a) Why is George Hegel's view of History characterized as idealist?  
(b) In what way is Karl Marx's view of history materialist? Illustrate with examples!  
(c) What are the contributions of historical materialism to the study of history?
4. (a) Outline Oswald Spengler's cyclical theory of the rise and decline of civilizations.  
(b) How similar are historical rhythms of rise, flowering, and decline of Arnold Toynbee to the position of Spengler?
5. (a) Discuss the world systems theory view of history in Immanuel Wallerstein.  
(b) Briefly assess the five monopolies of ascent and decline identified by Samir Amin.
6. How accurate is Samuel Huntington's notion of the "clash of civilisations"?