



MASEÑO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

APH 408: PRAGMATISM

Date: 18th November, 2013

Time: 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE questions.

APH 408: PRAGMATISM (MASENO CAMPUS)

Instructions; Answer any three questions.

1. Discuss in detail the main tenets of pragmatism and explain whether or not they are relevant in Kenya today.
2. Distinguish between pragmatism as a philosophical tradition and pragmatism as a maxim or principle.
3. Analyze critically William James' principle of truth and discuss whether or not such a principle can be used for the welfare of Kenya.
4. Critically discuss John Dewey's assertion that "Our whole conscious life arises out of conflict".
5. Explain by giving examples the relationship between pragmatism and science.
6. Outline the weaknesses of pragmatism.