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BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

BMC 4103: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: APRIL 2014
TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

− This paper consists of **TWO** Sections **A** & **B**.
− Section **A** is **Compulsory**.
− Answer any other **Two** questions in Section **B**.
  This paper consists of Two printed pages

SECTION A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

a) Define the following terms:
   i) Reasoning   **(2 marks)**
   ii) Proposition   **(2 marks)**
   iii) Inference   **(2 marks)**
   iv) Argument   **(2 marks)**
   v) Conclusion.   **(2 marks)**

b) Indicate whether the following arguments are deductive or inductive
   i) All human beings are animals
       James is a human being
       Therefore James is an animal.   **(2 marks)**

ii) All contractors are corrupt
All civil servants are corrupt
All lawyers are corrupt
Therefore, all professionals are corrupt.

(2 marks)

c) Using the Aristotelian square of opposition determine the truthvalue of the categorical propositions when the truthvalue of the first one is given as_____

  i) AT   E____   I_____ O _____   **(1.5 marks)**
  ii) EF   I ____ A_____ O _____   **(1.5 marks)**
  iii) OF   A____ A_____   E _____   **(1.5 marks)**
  iv) IT   O ___ A_____   E _____   **(1.5 marks)**

d) i) Define ethics.   **(1 mark)**
     ii) Briefly describe:
         − descriptive ethics   **(3 marks)**
         − Normative ethics   **(3 marks)**
         − Meta ethics   **(3 marks)**

SECTION B (Answer any **Two** Questions**)**

QUESTION 2

Principles in philosophy help us understand contemporary such as abortion. Discuss how ethical concerns of abortion can be handled by a philosopher.   **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 3

Discuss your understanding of Plato's notion "Knowledge is justified true belief".   **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 4

a) Define philosophy and state its **FOUR** traditional branches.   **(8 marks)**

b) Explain what you understand by quality, quantity and distribution of categorical propositions.
                                                   (12 marks)

QUESTION 5

Prof. Witu has just made a presentation to contest the existence of God. You are about to counter his argument using St. Aguinas cosmological arguments. Outline how you will use the **FIVE** proofs of God's existence in your response.   **(20 marks)**