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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION**

BMC 4103: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: JULY 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***
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SECTION A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

- a) Define the following terms:
- i) Metaphysics (2 marks)
 - ii) Categorical proposition (2 marks)
 - iii) Induction (2 marks)
 - iv) Morality (2 marks)
 - v) Logic (2 marks)
- b) Indicate whether the following arguments are valid or invalid:
- i) Some mosquitoes cause malaria
Swampy water causes malaria
Therefore swampy water has mosquitoes (2 marks)

ii) All Kalenjins support the Jubilee manifesto
Paul Muite does not support the jubilee manifesto
Therefore Paul Muite is not a Kalenjin

(2 marks)

iii) Some African leaders are dictators
Mugabe is not an African leader
Therefore Mugabe is not a dictator.

(2 marks)

c) Explain the **FOUR** relationships that exist on the Aristotelian square of opposition. Use an illustrative figure to show the relationship. **(10 marks)**

d) Describe the **THREE** types of ethical thinking.

(4 marks)

SECTION B (Answer any Two Questions)

QUESTION 2

“Truth is so rare that it needs a bodyguard of lies”. Discuss your understanding of this proposition and relate it to the four views about truth. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 3

“All culture is philosophy but not all philosophy is culture”. Discuss your opinion of this statement in the light of ethnophilosophic perspectives of Fr. Placide Tempels and John Mbiti. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 4

Joseph, a student at TUM has interacted with atheistic literature such as Richard Dawkin’s The God Delusion, David Hume’s Treatise on Natural Religion and Bertrand Russell’s why I am not a Christian. Using St. Thomas Aquinas, proofs of God’s existence prepare a defence to counter Joseph. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 5

Discuss how the **THREE** principles of thought help journalists in discharge of their duties. **(20 marks)**