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BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

BMC 4121: INTRODUCTION TO PHYLOSOPHY

SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: MARCH 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 Three printed pages***
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SECTION A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

- a) Define the following:
- i) Truth (2 marks)
 - ii) Validity (2 marks)
 - iii) Deductive argument (2 marks)
 - iv) Inductive argument (2 marks)
 - v) Premise (2 marks)

QUESTION 2

Indicate whether the arguments are valid or invalid deductive arguments:

- a) All Kenyans are peaceful
Sigmund is peaceful
Therefore, Sigmund is Kenyan. (1 mark)
- b) Living things are mortal
Plants are living things
Therefore, plants are mortal (1 mark)
- c) No student is a Marxist
Karl Marx is a Marxist
Therefore, Karl Marx is not a student (1 mark)

QUESTION 3

- a) Define the word fallacy (1 mark)
- b) Which fallacy is committed when one argues:
- i) No Christian has been able to demonstrate the existence of God. It is only logical to conclude that God does not exist. (2 marks)
 - ii) Swimming helps the flow of red blood cells and as Pro. Mazrui argues, swimming makes one think correctly. (2 marks)
 - iii) Arthur is a good teacher because he is fat and sweats when he teaches. (2 marks)

QUESTION 4

Philosophy has **FOUR** traditional branches. Identify these branches and briefly explain the subject matter of each branch. (4 marks)

QUESTION 5

Briefly explain the following:

- a) Quality (2 marks)
- b) Quantity (2 marks)
- c) Distribution (2 marks)

SECTION B (Answer any Two Questions)

QUESTION 6

Explain all the relationships that propositions exhibit on the Aristotelian Square of opposition.

marks)

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QUESTION 7

What are some of the sources of knowledge for the journalist?

(20 marks)

QUESTION 8

Use Plato's allegory of the cave to demonstrate the importance of philosophy.

(20 marks)

QUESTION 9

Ethics is nothing but rationalized morality. Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.

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