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This paper consists of **TEN (10)** pages

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- **ANSWER SECTION A ON THE MARK READING SHEET.**
- **ANSWER SECTIONS B AND C IN THE ANSWER BOOK PROVIDED.**

**SECTION A: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (476199)****Question 1**

The philosophy that concentrates on trying to find the exact meaning of words is known as . . .

- 1 linguistic analysis
- 2 mathematical statements
- 3 critical theory
- 4 physics

**Question 2**

Why, according to linguistic analysis, do we fail to solve a problem, no matter how hard we try?

- 1 Because we are dealing with a false problem
- 2 Because we can't see properly
- 3 Because we speak a different language
- 4 Because we don't know the cause of the problem

**Question 3**

Linguistic analysis, logical symbolism and empiricism together form the philosophy that is known as . . .

- 1 critical theory
- 2 critical rationalism
- 3 hermeneutics
- 4 logical empiricism

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**Question 4**

**According to critical rationalists, the term “education” would refer mainly to helping learners to . .**

- 1 think clearly and solve problems accurately
- 2 understand our physical world and its laws
- 3 critically evaluate everything they read and hear
- 4 discover personal views on life for themselves

**Question 5**

**Critical rationalism encourages ... .**

- 1 aristocracy
- 2 autocracy
- 3 oligarchy
- 4 democracy

**Question 6**

**In its search for the truth, critical rationalism tends to focus on ... .**

- 1 clarifying the purpose of life within social groups
- 2 identifying the influence of power structures
- 3 identifying error and falsity in human endeavours
- 4 questioning the meaning and significance of grammar

**Question 7**

**Which one of the following is the essential problem of black existentialism?**

- 1 What is the purpose of the individual and collective African existence?
- 2 What are the significant lessons we can learn from the African experience?
- 3 Why is there such a universal sense of inferiority of the black races?
- 4 What is the most appropriate form of government for African states?

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**Question 8**

**According to existentialists, the term “education” would refer mainly to helping learners to ... .**

- 1 think clearly and solve problems efficiently
- 2 understand the physical laws of our world
- 3 critically evaluate all forms of communication
- 4 discover their own life's meaning for themselves

**Question 9**

**Existentialism asks one of the following questions.**

- 1 What is the logical structure of an argument?
- 2 What certainty can science provide for us?
- 3 What is the meaning of life?
- 4 What role does logic play in arriving at the truth?

**Question 10**

**Julius Nyerere's idea of “ujamaa” is a clear example of ... .**

- 1 masculine domination of the feminine
- 2 attempts to dismantle polygamy
- 3 African social and political communalism
- 4 the Africanisation of colonial values

**Question 11**

**The method of enquiry adopted by African philosophy includes the use of ... .**

- 1 sage, ethnic and political methods of enquiry
- 2 critical theory together with African philosophy
- 3 African philosophy from the Taoist teachings
- 4 ideological teachings on “ujamaa” from Egypt

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**Question 12****African philosophy has its roots in ... .**

- 1 a written tradition
- 2 an aural tradition
- 3 an oral tradition
- 4 a gustatory tradition

**Question 13****Which method of enquiry in philosophy identifies the “triple layer of oppression”?**

- 1 Critical theory
- 2 African feminism
- 3 African philosophy
- 4 Second-wave feminism

**Question 14****The “triple layer of oppression” refers to the combined oppression by ..**

- 1 colonial, African and Western cultures
- 2 British colonial, African patriarchal and Western Calvinistic cultures
- 3 colonial, African patriarchal and Western patriarchal cultures
- 4 colonial, African matriarchal and Western puritanical cultures

**Question 15****The essential problem addressed by feminism relates to .**

- 1 clarity of thought when addressing family problems
- 2 the identification of error and falsity in argumentation
- 3 confronting our human ambiguity and complexity
- 4 how to place the women's world in perspective

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**Question 16****Which of the following characteristics applies to systems theory?**

- 1 It sees things as a whole
- 2 It sees things as parts
- 3 It sees things as objects
- 4 It sees things as subjects

**Question 17****Critical theory claims that truth is ...**

- 1 available to the senses
- 2 established via experience
- 3 achieved through reasoning
- 4 made and unmade by people

**Question 18****Critical theory claims that ... .**

- 1 all forms of power are oppressive
- 2 all forms of power are impressive
- 3 all forms of power are repressive
- 4 all forms of power are desirable

**Question 19****Which method of enquiry in philosophy concerns itself with the interaction between human beings and the world in which they live?**

- 1 Postmodernism
- 2 Modernism
- 3 Hermeneutics
- 4 Phenomenology

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**Question 20**

**Which of the following questions would a phenomenologist ask?**

- 1 Who am I?
- 2 Who is in power?
- 3 Who is there?
- 4 Who is speaking?

**Question 21**

**The method of enquiry adopted by phenomenologists relates to ... .**

- 1 the analysis of the meaning of words and sentences
- 2 reflecting on ourselves and the world in which we live
- 3 the exploration of the communal and social meaning of life
- 4 the unmasking of power structures through ideological critique

**Question 22**

**Which method of enquiry in philosophy is concerned with the interpretations of signs and symbols?**

- 1 Phenomenology
- 2 Modernism
- 3 Hermeneutics
- 4 Postmodernism

**Question 23**

**A significant characteristic of hermeneutics relates to its emphasis on ... .**

- 1 the importance of listening and observation
- 2 a reassessment of the way in which we see ourselves
- 3 establishing truth by verifying our sensory experiences
- 4 questioning the existing social and political systems

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**Question 24****Hermeneutics, as a method of philosophical enquiry, relates to ... .**

- 1 an analysis of the meanings of words and sentences
- 2 adopting a questioning and critical attitude to problems
- 3 exploring the meaning of life with a given community
- 4 an understanding and interpretation of signs and symbols

**Question 25****Which method of enquiry in philosophy is based on the notion that science has and will continue to benefit the human race?**

- 1 Phenomenology
- 2 Hermeneutics
- 3 Modernism
- 4 Postmodernism

**Question 26****Which philosophy emerged as a response to the bewildering world of technology and virtual reality?**

- 1 Phenomenology
- 2 Hermeneutics
- 3 Modernism
- 4 Postmodernism

**Question 27****The essential problem addressed by postmodernism relates to ... .**

- 1 confronting ourselves in order to discover the real "us"
- 2 the need to rethink our belief in science and technology
- 3 the acquisition of knowledge from our sensory experiences
- 4 the exposing of error in the tireless quest for the truth

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**Question 28**

**“Education is the liberation from the power of oppressive ideologies in society.” Which philosophy does this statement relate to?**

- 1 Systems theory
- 2 Existentialism
- 3 Phenomenology
- 4 Critical theory

**Question 29**

**An important benefit from espousing feminism relates to ... .**

- 1 human beings being more open to what others think and believe
- 2 the exposition and clarification of the politics of gender
- 3 the establishment of greater clarity and precision in what we mean
- 4 a critical examination and reflection on our social and family lives

**Question 30**

**Indicate the correct option. African philosophy ... .**

- 1 is a materialistic philosophy based on history
- 2 is a response to the problems and troubles of Africa
- 3 is designed to support Western views on Africa
- 4 is dependent on Western philosophy for its ideas

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**SECTION B**

**Respond in essay format to the following statement.**

“The main thing to remember about African philosophy is that it is a response to the problems and troubles of Africa and to the domination of Western thought.”

Make use of the following guidelines in your response

- Refer to the different methods of enquiry in African philosophy
- Refer to the concept of “Ubuntu”

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- Refer to what African philosophy can do
- Refer to what African philosophy cannot help us with

Your answer should not exceed three (3) pages [30]

### SECTION C

#### Question 1

Describe ways in which critical rationalism can help us and how it can fail us [10]

#### Question 2

- 2 1 What is meant by “politics of gender”? (2)
- 2 2 Which three issues do all forms of feminism focus on? (3)
- 2 3 Explain how black women’s studies interpret feminism (4)
- 2 4 What is African feminism also called? (1)
- [10]**

#### Question 3

Write short notes on the following

- 3 1 Linguistic analysis (3)
- 3 2 Logical symbolism (3)
- 3 3 Empiricism (4)
- [10]**

#### Question 4

- 4 1 Discuss **four** characteristics that mark the work of critical theorists (8)
- 4 2 Name any **two** proponents of critical theory (2)
- [10]**

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