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This paper consists of 9 pages

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **ANSWER SECTION A ON THE MARK READING SHEET.**
- **ANSWER SECTION B IN THE ANSWER BOOK PROVIDED.**
- **ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.**

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SECTION A· MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (479169)**QUESTION 1****What is one of the major tasks of philosophy?**

- 1 Analysing statements
- 2 Confusing the readers
- 3 Criticising advertisements
- 4 Providing proper languages for communities

QUESTION 2**... claims that almost all philosophical problems can be dispensed with once their underlying linguistic basis is exposed.**

- 1 Phenomenology
- 2 African philosophy
- 3 Critical rationalism
- 4 Linguistic analysis

QUESTION 3**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 4**Which method of enquiry is concerned with questioning and open-mindedness?**

- 1 Logical empiricism
- 2 Existentialism
- 3 Critical rationalism
- 4 Empiricism

QUESTION 5**The method of enquiry adopted by critical rationalists is ...**

- 1 a questioning attitude and the encouragement of open-mindedness
- 2 the careful analysis of words and sentences to reveal meaning
- 3 reflection on ourselves, our minds and the world that we live in
- 4 the use of ethnic, sage and political methods to reveal the truth

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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 addressed by critical rationalism?

- 1 The creation of conditions for clarity of thought
- 2 The exposition of error in the search for truth
- 3 The understanding and discovery of meaning
- 4 The placing of minority issues into perspective

QUESTION 8

What philosophical method of enquiry in philosophy is concerned with the question of the meaning or purpose of life?

- 1 Logical empiricism
- 2 Existentialism
- 3 Critical rationalism
- 4 Empiricism

QUESTION 9

The philosophical method of enquiry in philosophy that encourages humans to enjoy life more and to take personal responsibility for their future is ...

- 1 empiricism
- 2 critical rationalism
- 3 nihilism
- 4 existentialism

QUESTION 10

The method of enquiry adopted by existentialism is the . .

- 1 adoption of an open-minded attitude
- 2 exploration of the meaning of life
- 3 employment of ideological critique
- 4 empowerment of the individual

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QUESTION 11

The earliest forms of African philosophy can be traced back to the ancient ...

- 1 Greeks
- 2 **pharaohs**
- 3 Semites
- 4 Hammites

QUESTION 12

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

- 1 **sage, ethnic and political methods of enquiry**
- 2 critical theory, and African philosophy
- 3 African philosophy from the Taoist teachings
- 4 ideological teachings on Ujuumaa from Egypt

QUESTION 13

Which of the following is an important advantage in following or recognising the beliefs of African philosophy?

- 1 It provides a strong appreciation of the role of power structures and superstition
- 2 **It provides a framework by which communities can be strengthened**
- 3 It creates structures that allow us to engage in introspection
- 4 It utilises the semiotic structures provided by linguistics to arrange society

QUESTION 14

The central ethical idea in traditional African thought is 'ubuntu'. Which of the following ideas characterises 'ubuntu'?

- A It emphasises the individual's needs
- B It relates to human happiness and well-being
- C It emphasises material/financial well-being
- D It emphasises the development of human beings through others

- 1 **b and d**
- 2 a and c
- 3 c and d
- 4 a and d

QUESTION 15

The whole spectrum of power relations and structures is studied by proponents of ...

- 1 feminism
- 2 second wave feminism
- 3 African philosophy
- 4 critical theory

QUESTION 16

Which of the following characteristics applies to the 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

Education, from a critical theory perspective, would emphasise a system in which ..

- 1 existing social, political and economic structures are critically examined and evaluated
- 2 all power is shared regardless of race, gender, sexual preference or age
- 3 all learners are free to select their own curriculum and pace at which they achieve learning
- 4 learners are encouraged to conform to the values of their particular communities

QUESTION 18

The "triple layer of oppression" refers to the combined oppression by ... cultures.

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

QUESTION 19

Learning is a process leading to the liberation of women in a patriarchal dispensation. Which method of enquiry does this statement relate to?

- 1 Feminism
- 2 Systems theory
- 3 Phenomenology
- 4 Empiricism

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QUESTION 20

Education, from a feminist perspective, would tend to emphasise ...

- 1 the moral and social development of each individual for the betterment of society
- 2 the socialisation of both boys and girls into the traditions of community life
- 3 a system in which the value systems of the community are critically examined to ensure an equitable distribution of roles and responsibilities
- 4 the cognitive and moral development of the girls and young women, of the community

QUESTION 21

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

QUESTION 22

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 23

Which of the following does phenomenology allow us to do? It gives us an increased understanding and assessment of ...

- 1 ourselves
- 2 others
- 3 examinations
- 4 the environment

QUESTION 24

Which of the following is a shortcoming of phenomenology?

- 1 It takes a critical stance on authority
- 2 It takes a non-critical stance on authority
- 3 It takes a non-critical stance on freedom
- 4 It takes a critical stance on autocracy

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QUESTION 25

Which method of enquiry in philosophy focuses specifically on literature, art, music, poetry and craft?

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

QUESTION 26

By using the skills that Hermeneutics gives us we are able to . .

- 1 reject false value systems that confront us in society
- 2 resist societal pressures that focus on functionality
- 3 examine our own opinions more accurately and carefully
- 4 discover our own hidden, creative and artistic abilities

QUESTION 27

Hermeneutics is very similar to which other method of enquiry in philosophy?

- 1 Postmodernism
- 2 Feminism
- 3 Modernism
- 4 **Existentialism**

QUESTION 28

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 29

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

QUESTION 30**Postmodernism is beneficial to researchers in that it enables them to ..**

- 1 re-examine the need for tradition in life
- 2 identify the structure of power relations
- 3 respect the natural laws of the universe
- 4 question the claims of a rigid morality

[30]**SECTION B****QUESTION 1**

- 1 1 What is African feminism also known as? (2)
- 1 2 What is the aim of logic in philosophy? (2)
- 1 3 List two main ideas that are propagated by hermeneutics (4)
- 1 4 Name two ways in which postmodernism can help us (2)

[10]**QUESTION 2****Write a short paragraph on critical theory as a philosophy. In your answer refer to the following aspects:**

- supporters of critical theory
- three ideas propagated by critical theory
- two aspects critical theory cannot help us with

[15]**QUESTION 3****Write short notes on the following ideas of African philosophy:**

- 3 1 Ubuntu (4)
- 3 2 Communalism (4)
- 3 3 Ethnic philosophy (2)
- 3 4 Sage philosophy (2)

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- 3 5 Three advantages of using African philosophy (3)
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QUESTION 4

- 4 1 Explain the concept of postmodernism (2)
- 4 2 Discuss briefly three main ideas of postmodernism (6)
- 4 3 Name any two main supporters of postmodernism (2)
- 4 4 Where does postmodernism fail? (5)
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QUESTION 5

- 5 1 Distinguish between critical theory and critical rationalism (6)
- 5 2 How does systems theory approach a problem? (6)
- 5 3 How can critical theory help society? (3)
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