

PLS1501

May/June 2016

INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Duration 2 Hours

100 Marks

EXAMINERS

FIRST

SECOND

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Closed book examination

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NB!! The following paper contains 2 sections A and B

Section A consists of 8 questions of which you must select any 4 and Section B consists of 4 questions both out of 30 marks each of which you must select any 2

Section A [40] Select any 4 questions each will be marked out of 10

- 1 In your understanding what does the branch of philosophy called metaphysics deal with (you may refer to problems, figures and examples in your answer) [10]
- 2 Explain in your own words what you understand by Western philosophy (you are encouraged to refer to branches, history and figures in your answer) [10]
- 3 In your understanding what does the branch of philosophy called epistemology deal with (you may refer to problems, figures and examples in your answer) [10]
- 4 In your understanding what does the branch of philosophy called aesthetics deal with (you may refer to problems, figures and examples in your answer) [10]
- 5 In your understanding, what does the term axiology describe? [10]
- 6 In your understanding what does the branch of philosophy called political philosophy deal with (you may refer to problems, figures and examples in your answer) [10]
- 7 In your understanding what does the branch of philosophy called ethics deal with (you may refer to problems, figures and examples in your answer) [10]
- 8 In your understanding what does the branch of philosophy called logic deal with (you may refer to problems, figures and examples in your answer) [10]

Section B [60] Select any 2 questions both will be marked out of 30 each

- 9 Explain Aristotle's Doctrine of the 4 causes with specific reference to a wooden table as your example [30]
- 10 Discuss in detail Plato's allegory of the cave and its philosophical (epistemological and political) significance (the essay may not exceed 2000 words) [30]
- 11 Discuss Thomas Aquinas' 5 proof's for the existence of God [30]
- 12 Discuss St Augustine's Political Philosophy with specific reference to love and "the two cities" [30]