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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**B-PHL 307: PHILOSOPHY OF GOD (THEODICY)**

**Date: APRIL 2014**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions**

- Q1. From modern to contemporary philosophy: critically evaluate the development of contemporary atheism. Include in your answer the contribution of the various modern/contemporary philosophers.  
**(30 marks)**
- Q2. Compare and contrast Aquinas' and Kant's discussion of the 5<sup>th</sup> way. Be clear about where the two thinkers differ.  
**(20 marks)**
- Q3. Discuss the problem of evil in the world taking into consideration the existence of God who created the world ex nihilo. Include in your answer the understanding of creation in Augustine and Ireneous. Also give an account of moral evil by discussing the contributions of Molina, Aquinas and Hume.  
**(20 marks)**
- Q4. Critically evaluate the via negative, via positive and our analogical knowledge of God's nature. Include in your answer the analogy of proper proportionality, intrinsic attribution and participation concept of Platonic philosophy.  
**(20 marks)**
- Q5. a) Critically evaluate the TWO forms of Anslem's Ontological argument.  
**(12 marks)**

- b) Outline the criticisms of Gaunilon, Aquinas, Kant and evaluate whether the criticisms are justified. **(8 marks)**

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