

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

B-PHL 101 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

Duration: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

1. Define the term philosophy alongside with the origin and development of philosophy (30marks)
2. Name and discuss the problems studied in philosophy (20marks).
3. The universe is adequately intelligible! Human beings can understand nature! Having this notion in mind, discuss the earliest attempts to have given the physical universe a rational explanation (20marks).
4. Xenophane is the very first person to demythologize ancient religion (god) by applying clear reasoning and firmly and coherently bringing about the problem of God's nature with relevant examples discuss the two kinds of proofs that have been advanced. (20marks).
5. The matrix of philosophy is "wonder" which has led to development of new philosophical systems. Discuss with relevant examples some philosophical systems that have developed in the last two centuries (20marks).