



## **UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG**

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**COURSE:** 1A **TIME:** 3 hours

**QUESTION PAPER:** 1 **MARKS:** 100

**SUBJECT CODE:** FIL1A11 / PHL1AA1

**EXAMINERS:**  
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**(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES)**

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1. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.
  2. CLEARLY INDICATE WHICH QUESTION YOU ARE ANSWERING
  3. THIS QUESTION HAS TWO COMPULSORY SECTIONS [A & B]
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### **SECTION A: TERM 1**

#### **Part 1: Short questions**

Answer ALL questions

1. What is a deductively valid argument? [5]
2. What is the main idea behind subjectivism about the meaning of life? [5]
3. Identify and briefly explain a problem with the Cosmological Argument for the existence of God. [5]
4. What is the central idea behind the Correspondence Theory of Truth? [5]
5. Briefly explain one problem with epistemic relativism. [5]

**[Sub-Total: 25]**

Part 2: Essay

Answer ONE question ONLY

1. Is the Problem of Evil a good reason to doubt the existence of God? [25]
2. What is the meaning of life? [25]
3. Is empiricism or rationalism more convincing? [25]

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**SECTION B: TERM 2**

Part 1: Short questions

Answer ALL questions

1. Briefly summarise the problem of other minds? [5]
2. What is the difference between positive and negative freedom? [5]
3. Define and explain egoism and altruism. [5]
4. Briefly summarise Rawls' principles of justice. [5]
5. What is racial constructivism? [5]

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Part 2: Essay

Answer ONE question ONLY

1. Do you think Desartes' idea of the self as self-consciousness or Sartre's idea of the self as a choice is more convincing? Provide reasons for your answer. [25]
2. Do we have free will? Use all of the three main positions on free will in your answer. [25]
3. Which theory of morality do you find most convincing? Give reasons for your answer. [25]

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**GRAND TOTAL: [100]**