



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

Examination 2019

COURSE: Philosophy 1A **TIME:** 2 hours

QUESTION PAPER: 1 **MARKS:** 100

SUBJECT CODE: FIL1A11, PHL1AA1

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(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES)

1. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.
 2. CLEARLY INDICATE WHICH QUESTION YOU ARE ANSWERING.
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SECTION A: SHORT QUESTIONS

1. An argument by _____ is an argument where a comparison is made in which certain similarities are pointed out, with the conclusion that there must be other similarities as well.

[1]

2. Explain what identity theory is and mention ONE problem with the theory.

[3]

3. _____ (surname of philosopher) concluded that we are not really justified in talking about a self because the concept cannot be related to something encountered in *experience*.

[1]

4. According to Gilbert Ryle, a leading proponent of _____ [two words], mental-type terms refer to _____ to behave, and not to ghostly private occurrences.

[3]

5. What is solipsism? [1]
6. Jean-Paul Sartre claims that when we deny our responsibility, we are acting in _____ (two words). [2]
7. Oyèrónké Oyéwùmi argues that, from a Western perspective, the terms _____ and gender are essentially synonyms. [1]
8. Name the two major dimensions that Kwame Appiah claims each person's individual identity entails. [2]
9. _____ (surname of theorist) argues that Tsenay Serequeberhan's exclusion of non-Africans as contributors to African philosophy, and his simultaneous acceptance of Western academic terms of discourse as given, is problematic and unrealistic. [1]
10. Briefly explain Plato's view on art and beauty as he sets it out in *The Republic*. [5]
11. _____ (surname of philosopher) argues that aesthetic values should replace standard moral principles. [1]
12. "South Africans supported the death penalty for many years. Thus, there is no doubt that it should be reinstated." The fallacy committed here is called: _____ [1]
13. "The decriminalization of dagga will only be the beginning. Soon we will have a society where harder drugs such as heroin are abused." The fallacy committed here is called: _____ [1]
14. "Many people criticize Hitler for his views. But he was a vegetarian, and never smoked or drank alcohol. Clearly their criticisms are unwarranted." The fallacy committed here is called: _____ [1]
15. "His argument about abortion being wrong is nonsense. He is a Marxist, you know." The fallacy committed here is called: _____ [1]

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SECTION B: ESSAY QUESTION

Answer any **ONE** (1) of the following three (3) essay questions. Clearly indicate which essay you are writing. **Tip:** Your essay should be 600 word long. An essay of 600 words is approximately 2 hand-written pages long, if your handwriting is of an average size.

Your short essay should include an introduction of no more than 60 words, a conclusion of no more than 60 words, and the body of your text should consist of no more than 600 words.

Question 1

Discuss Oyèrónké Oyéwùmi's analysis of the body in the context of the Western preoccupation with biology.

OR

Question 2

Kwame Appiah argues that W.E.B. Du Bois misunderstands the connections between race, culture and identity.

- a) Discuss Appiah's argument, as well as,
- b) the position he subsequently develops, in detail.

OR

Question 3

Nkiru Nzegwu examines the relation between objects of artistic expression and Igbo community interests, through the social meaning of two figural statues: *ugolochamma* and *ikenga*. She does this in order to argue that the critical question in creativity is no longer what constitutes a work of art, but rather what the relationship is between creative objects and social life in a given society. Provide a detailed explanation of her argument.

[Section Total: [25]

GRAND TOTAL: [50x2 = 100]