



# **UNIVERSITY JOHANNESBURG**

## **Supplementary Exam**

**COURSE: Philosophy 3B**

**Submission deadline: 12.00**

**QUESTION PAPER: 1**

**MARKS: 100**

**SUBJECT CODE: PHL3BB3**

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**(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO [2] PAGES)**

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**TERM 3: In one, coherent philosophical essay critically discuss the following quote (with reference to the material covered in the module thus far): “Maybe the earth would be better off without us...Safe and clean and perfect...Like a toy nobody ever played with”. By E Horne & J Comeau**

**Note:**

1. Students are required to build on the module essay that they wrote for their environmental and animal ethics module.
2. Students are encouraged to consult with their tutors to improve as much as possible on the essays handed in during the term.
3. The essay, of no more than 1500 words, should demonstrate the student’s ability to conduct secondary research, utilizing a range of relevant academic references
4. Students will have to engage with at least 4 of the prescribed/or recommended additional readings
5. Students will have to provide a relevant title for their essay

6. Students are encouraged to structure the essay: Introduction, body with subheadings and conclusion
7. Students are required to follow consistent referencing method – Harvard preferable

Total for Term 3 [50]

**TERM 4: Answer the following question. Write one coherent philosophical essay by adhering to the five instructions below.**

1. Selecting from the prescribed readings in Oreskes [2019], defend the three strongest reasons for trusting science and the three strongest reasons for not trusting science.
2. Thereafter, present your considered judgement, supported by arguments, on how far we should trust science.
3. Focus this part of your essay on the following question: To what extent, and why, can science play a trustworthy role during the COVID-19 pandemic?
4. Present your results in a coherent philosophical essay, done according to the standards of the guidelines for philosophy essay writing [Wolff et al] posted on Blackboard.
5. Compose your essay according to the guidelines offered by Shelley Kagan, suitably adapted to the requirements of this essay, on how to write a philosophical essay [see *Readings* on Blackboard].
6. Give references to your sources by following the guidelines of the UJ Library Reference Guide

Total for Term 4 [50]