

Philosophy 1B Term 3

Exam Essay Question

You are expected to write a 1,500 word essay in which you answer the following question:

**Would racism be eradicated in South Africa if the country became a nonracial society?
Give reasons for your answer. [100 marks]**

Your answer to the exam question MUST include an explanation of:

- (i) what racism is according to Blum (2002);
- (ii) what authors in the nonracialism vs race-thinking debate argue;
- (iii) what difference, if any, nonracialism might make to eradicating racism in South Africa today **and why**.

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Introduction [5]

Significance of the issue and its background; thesis statement; plan of the essay

Contents [40]

Important themes (what are the main points and which are of secondary importance?) - [show you have read the prescribed texts in depth]; give definitions of important concepts; outline the arguments)

Composition [25]

Text must be systematically organized and integrated; showing relationships between subsections and themes; logical flow and argumentative coherence; clear exposition and comparison (distinguish summary from analysis and interpretation)

Own judgement [20]

Form an independent judgement; show it; point out what is good or bad about the argument you are considering; give reasons for your judgement

Conclusion [5]

Overview of what has been done; significance, value and importance of the topic, the view under discussion, ~~or~~ and of your essay.

Referencing [5]

Correct in-text referencing; correctly formatted and complete reference list (according to Harvard referencing method)

Total [100]

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