



SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES & PHILOSOPHY
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
BDP 4201: AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

Date: 14th March 2022

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Instructions

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.
 1. **a.** Outline the key features of the Universalist – Particularist debate in African philosophy. **10 marks**
 - b.** Explain why the distinction between first order and second order philosophy is of significance in the study of African Philosophy. **10 marks**
 - c.** Describe the defining features of each of the four trends in African philosophy according to Henry Odera Orika. **10 marks**
2. Discuss **four** problems bedeviling African cultures according to Kwasi Wiredu. In each case, suggest ways of resolving each problem. **15 marks**
3. Discuss the extent to which you agree with Pauline Hountodji's claim that African philosophy is both "a myth and a reality." **15 marks**
4. Discuss how the *critical function* of philosophy can be used to resolve the problem of corruption in Kenya. **15 marks**
5. Using at least one concrete example, evaluate **any two** African social political ideologies you studied in this course **15 marks**