



**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY  
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION  
BDP 4205 READINGS OF THE OTHER PHILOSOPHERS**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Time: 13:00 – 15:00**

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**Instructions**

1. This examination consists of **FOUR** questions.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 marks)**

A. Match the following:(6 marks)

<b>Hint</b>	<b>Philosopher</b>
Ontological Argument	
Possible intellect and Agent intellect	
Stoicism	
“On the shortness of life”	
“The Spirit of the Laws”	
“The Origins of Totalitarianism”	

B. Choose any three of the following authors and a) Indicate an outstanding philosophical work/book and b) Explain the impact they had on the society of their day. (3x6 marks)

1. Martin Luther
2. Machiavelli
3. Seneca
4. St. Thomas More
5. Hannah Arendt
6. Kierkegaard
7. Bonaventure

C. Describe the social and cultural backgrounds of any three of the above philosophers that greatly influenced their thinking. (6 marks)

**Question 2 (15 marks)**

- a. What was Martin Luther's view on politics? (4 marks)
- b. In the case of the reign of a tyrant leader, what did he advise and do you agree with his view? Explain. (7 marks)
- c. Briefly describe Luther's influence on society and on how this has affected you today. (4 marks)

**Question 3 (15 marks)**

- a. Give a brief summary on Thomas More's life and philosophical ideas. (5 marks)
- b. His contribution to the body of knowledge (5 marks)
- c. Give your own critical analysis with regards to the circumstances of his death. (5 marks)

**Question 4 (15 marks)**

- a. Who was Hannah Arendt and why is she outstanding? (5 marks)
- b. Explain Hannah Arendt's thought of contemporary philosophy as exemplified in the case of Eichmann in Jerusalem. (10 marks)