



**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BACHELOR OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY  
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION  
BDP 4109: THEODICY**

DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

TIME: 10:30-12:30

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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)**

1. What is a theodicy? (4 marks)
2. What is the great dilemma of evil? (5 marks)
3. Using at least 5 attributes, describe the nature of God. (5 marks)
4. Why is the problem of evil so important? (4 marks)
5. What is moral evil - give examples, and is it compatible with the idea of a God who is both all good and omnipotent? (5 marks)
6. Explain how the religious worldview of pantheism deals with the problem of evil, and illustrate how it explains a moral evil such as alcohol addiction. (7 marks)

**QUESTION 2 (15 Marks)**

- a) Is sincerity alone sufficient for salvation? Explain. (5 marks)
- b) How would you explain to a conservative that a pagan like Socrates could possibly be saved? Why then does God not just save everyone? (6 marks)
- c) All religions have three aspects. Which are these and how do they address our whole being? (4 marks)

**QUESTION 3 (20 Marks)**

What are the consequences of a worldview in which;

- a) There is no evil, metaphysical or moral? (4 marks)
- b) We are metaphysically evil? (4 marks)
- c) We are not morally evil? (4 marks)
- d) b) and c) together? (3 marks)

**QUESTION 4 (15 Marks)**

- a. Is it always right to love sinners and to hate sin? (4 marks)
- b. If so, why is this simple distinction not universally admitted and used? (4 marks)
- c. How should we apply this distinction to the controversial issues of abortion, war, drunkenness and fornication? Identify the sin and the sinner for each case and highlight the consequences of this distinction. (7 marks)

**\*All the best! \***