



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

**DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**TIME: 08:30 – 10:30**

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**Instructions**

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

**Question ONE (30 marks)**

- i. Distinguish between the following - by highlighting the major questions, concerns and issues in African philosophy:
  - a. The essentialist and existentialist phases (6 marks)
  - b. Particularism and Universalism (6 marks)
  - c. First and Second order philosophy (6 marks)
  - d. Ethnophilosophy and Philosophic sagacity (6 marks)
- ii. Discuss three factors that shaped the development of philosophy in Africa. (6 marks)

**Question TWO (15 marks)**

Explain how Ubuntu philosophy is linked to African ethics and its normative conception of a person.

**Question THREE (15 marks)**

Either

*Corruption will always be with us.* Discuss

Or

Discuss the extent to which you agree with the assertion: *Corruption is essentially a moral problem whose solution ought to be sought within the moral sphere.*

**Question FOUR** (15 marks)

*Political competition has exposed the failure of the state system in most contemporary African countries. Discuss*

**Question FIVE** (15 marks)

Describe Africa's development dilemma and suggest its possible resolution as a budding African philosopher.