



**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS in development studies and philosophy
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
BDP 4201: AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY**

DATE: 16th March 2026

TIME: 16:00 – 18:00

Instructions

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

Question 1 (30 marks)

- a. Examine the key differences between African and Western cultural worldviews. **10 marks**
- b. Explain how the features in **1a** above have influenced the contemporary African philosophical orientation. **6 marks**
- c. Describe any four trends in African philosophy according to Odera Oruka. **8 marks**
- d. Analyze *the stolen legacy thesis*. **6 marks**

Question 2 (15 marks)

Examine why, according to Kwasi Wiredu, the following are key problems bedeviling African cultures.

- a. Anachronism **5 marks**
- b. Authoritarianism **5 marks**
- c. Super-naturalism **5 marks**

Question 3 (15 marks)

Discuss how the *critical function* of philosophy can be used in articulating an appropriate African social-political philosophy.

Question 4 (15 marks)

- a. Define *Endogenous knowledge*, according to Paulin Hountondji and outline its key features. **9 marks**
- b. In your opinion, why is endogenous knowledge essential for the unlocking of Africa's development dilemma. **6 marks**

Question 5

Critically articulate the threat of epistemic colonization posed to African knowledge systems by **AI** (artificial intelligence). **15 marks**