



**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY**  
**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**BDP 3101 METAPHYSICS II**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Time: 10:30 – 12:30**

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**Instructions**

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

**QUESTION 1 (30 Marks)**

1. There are several ways of understanding Formal Causality (or simply Form). Define at least two of these ways and explain the difference between them. (5 marks)
2. Evil does not have an existence of its own. Explain and provide a relevant example. (5 marks)
3. List the seven natural goods for man, and how they relate to the 'law' aspect of Natural Moral Law. (5 marks)
4. What is happiness, and how does it relate to the notion of goodness? Can you be happy when experiencing an evil? Illustrate your answer with relevant examples. (5 marks)
5. Explain the basis of continuity and of discontinuity in the *four levels of being*. (5 marks)
6. What is the difference between an immanent act and a transient act? Give a relevant example for each. (5 marks)

**QUESTION 2 (10 Marks)**

- a. Explain how Immanuel Kant's epistemology is anti-metaphysical. (5 marks)
- b. Why would Kant find it difficult to explain the reality of two different people who have found complete happiness, each in their own subjective way? (5 marks)

**QUESTION 3 (10 Marks)**

What is the ultimate basis for the meaning of a word, and consequently, how does this disprove the Vienna Circle's maxim that the meaning of a word is its empirical referent? Use relevant examples to illustrate your arguments.

**QUESTION 4 (10 Marks)**

What is the “metaphysical lie” according to Friedrich Nietzsche, and how does it overturn the idea of perfection in a formal sense for mankind?

**QUESTION 5 (10 Marks)**

- a. Why does Heidegger call traditional metaphysics *ontology* and how does the Dasein manage to go *beyond* traditional metaphysics? (5 marks)
- b. With explicit reference to Heidegger’s concept of *authenticity*, how is it attractive with respect to the Aristotelian idea of freedom? (5 marks)

**QUESTION 6 (10 Marks)**

- a. What is Post-humanism, how is it anti-metaphysical and who are some of its proponents? (5 marks)
- b. What role does trans-humanism play in post-humanism? Illustrate your explanation with an example. (5 marks)