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**ADVANCED LEVEL**

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**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION PAPER**

**Duration: One and a Half Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*Read the following instructions carefully before you start answering the questions in this paper. Make sure you have a soft HB pencil and an eraser for this examination.*

1. USE A SOFT HB PENCIL THROUGHOUT THE EXAMINATION.
2. DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

*Before the examination begins:*

3. Check that this question booklet is headed "Advanced Level – 0790 Philosophy 1".
4. Fill in the information required in the spaces above.
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Take care that you do not crease or fold the answer sheet or make any marks on it other than those asked for in this examination.

*How to answer the questions in this examination*

6. Answer **ALL** the 50 questions in this Examination. All questions carry equal marks.
7. Each question has FOUR suggested answers: **A, B, C** and **D**. Decide on which answer is correct. Find the number of the question on the Answer Sheet and draw a horizontal line across the letter to join the square brackets for the answer you have chosen.

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[A] [B] ☒ [C] [D]

8. Mark only one answer for each question. If you mark more than one answer, you will score a zero for that question. If you change your mind about an answer, erase the first mark carefully, then mark your new answer.
9. Avoid spending too much time on any one question. If you find a question difficult, move on to the next question. You can come back to this question later.
10. Do all rough work in this booklet, using, where necessary, the blank spaces in the question booklet.
11. **At the end of the examination, the invigilator shall collect the answer sheet first and then the question booklet after. DO NO ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE EXAMINATION HALL WITH IT.**

**Turn Over**



1. Which branch of philosophy investigates reality as distinct from the illusory?
  - A Metaphysics.
  - B Ethics.
  - C Epistemology.
  - D Logic.

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2. What kind of evidence do philosophers advance for their claims?
  - A Empirical evidence.
  - B Conceptual evidence .
  - C Conceptual evidence confirmed or disconfirmed by empirical data.
  - D Speculations

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3. The defining features of deductive inference are:
  - A Necessary conclusion / formed *a priori*.
  - B Necessary conclusion / formed *a posteriori*.
  - C Probable conclusion / formed *a priori*.
  - D Probable conclusion / formed *a posteriori*.

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4. "Since the same thing has already been predicated of the universal, it follows that the sense of the particular is already contained in the universal". This describes which inference and validated by which law of thought?
  - A Subalternation / Identity .
  - B Opposition / Excluded middle
  - C Contradiction / Non- contradiction
  - D Contrariety / Sufficient Reason

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5. Determine if the following inference is valid in the Aristotelian system. *All mermaids are beautiful creatures. So it is false that no mermaids are beautiful creatures.*
  - A Invalid Contrariety.
  - B Invalid Contradiction.
  - C Valid subalternation.
  - D Valid Contrariety .

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6. Is the inference: "*No men are illiterate persons. It follows that no literate persons are non-men*" valid or not? Name the inference rule.
  - A Valid Contraposition.
  - B Illicit Contraposition.
  - C Valid Obversion.
  - D Illicit Obversion.

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7. "*No farmers are city-dwellers. Hence, no city-dweller is a talented machete-user because only talented machete-users are farmers*". Determine the validity, of this syllogism in the traditional system. Name the fallacy if any.
  - A Valid.
  - B Invalid. Illicit major.
  - C Invalid. Illicit minor.
  - D Invalid. Exclusive premises.

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8. The pure Venn diagram technique operates within which system for interpreting categorical statements?
  - A Vennean.
  - B Aristotelian.
  - C Boolean.
  - D Mathematical.

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9. Illicit major fallacy arises because the conclusion:
  - A Contains more information than the premise.
  - B Contains less information than the premise.
  - C Distributes both terms.
  - D Distributes the major term.

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10. "Not all-night calls are welcome, but those from family are" is :
  - A A first order enthymeme.
  - B A third order enthymeme.
  - C A second order enthymeme.
  - D An enthymeme.

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11. A hypothetical syllogism which affirms the consequent is fallacious because:
  - A The antecedent is the only cause.
  - B The antecedent is necessary.
  - C Antecedent is both necessary and sufficient.
  - D The consequent could arise from other possible causes.

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12. "When teething begins, babies usually have fever. So, the growing teeth causes fever" is a false cause argument because:
  - A There is no correlation between teething and fever.
  - B Many people believe so.
  - C The correlation between fever and teething is not coincidental.
  - D It is fallacious reasoning.



13. "You won't graduate unless you pass Philosophy" interpreted in terms of the hypothetical as:
- If you don't pass philosophy, you will graduate.
  - If you graduate then you will pass philosophy.
  - If you don't pass philosophy then you won't graduate.
  - If you won't graduate, then you don't pass philosophy.
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14. The propositional schema "Either A and B or if C then D" is:
- A conjunctive proposition.
  - A disjunctive proposition.
  - A hypothetical proposition.
  - A bi-conditional proposition.
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15. To say a statement is valid means that:
- Some assignments of truth-values to its variables are true.
  - Its conclusion is always true.
  - It is true for all assignments of truth-values to its variables.
  - It is a true statement
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16. The predicate calculus schema for "Every horse is white" where  $Px = x$  is a horse and  $Wx = x$  is white is:
- For all  $x$   $Px$  and  $Wx$
  - There is an  $x$  such that if  $Px$  then  $Wx$
  - There is no  $x$  such that  $Px$  and  $Wx$
  - For all  $x$  if  $Px$  then  $Wx$
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17. By qualifying the early thinkers as 'Primitive scientists' it means that they :
- initiated the explanation of events in the universe in terms of nature of things themselves.
  - shifted from the methodological mode of explanation.
  - Provided the fundamental explanation of the basic stuff of the universe.
  - They are not scientific in their approaches.
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18. Anaximenes' explanation of the universe could be described as :
- Cosmological.
  - Metaphysical.
  - Scientific.
  - Mathematical.
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19. According to Pythagoras, what aptitudes do the Merchants, Competitors and Spectators manifest when attending the Olympic games respectively ?
- Gain, fame and thinking.
  - Thinking, gain and fame.
  - Fame thinking and gain.
  - Fame, gain and thinking.
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20. Parmenides' concept of being can be aptly characterised by the following :
- Unoriginated, finite and spherical.
  - Infinite, specific and cyclical.
  - Finite, spherical and specific.
  - Changeless, uncreated and infinite.
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21. Zeno in his paradoxes demonstrates the fact that :
- Being does not exist.
  - Motion is illusory.
  - Time and space do not exist as entities.
  - The human mind cannot grasp reality.
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22. The assertion that : « Nothing exist[...] » depicts clearly :
- Thrasymachus' morality.
  - Protagoras' relativism.
  - Gorgias' nihilism.
  - Socrates' epistemology.
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23. In Plato, how do the Forms relate to material things ?
- Participation, Independence, Eternity.
  - Causation, Participation, Imitation.
  - Imitation, Causation, Eternity.
  - Causation, Participation, Hierarchy.
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24. The two metaphysical co-principles required for any change are :
- Substance and Accident.
  - Matter and Form.
  - Potency and actuality.
  - Essence and Existence.
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25. Aristotle's idea that morality is teleological is an application of his doctrine of :
- Change.
  - Causality.
  - Substance.
  - Hylemorphism.
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26. How does St, Thomas Aquinas account for names referring to God ?

- A Univocal.
- B Equivocal.
- C Analogical.
- D Absolute.

27. The Cartesian precept of method from intuition to deduction are :

- A Evidence, Analysis, Synthesis, Enumeration.
- B Evidence, Synthesis, Analysis, Enumeration.
- C Analysis,, Synthesis, Evidence, Enumeration.
- D Enumeration, Analysis, Synthesis, Evidence.

28. How does Locke define knowledge ?

- A Perception of agreement between two ideas.
- B Sensation and reflection.
- C Demonstration of complex ideas.
- D Sense perception of immediate data.

29. The statement that : « *A person is a person through other people* » is an illustration of the :

- A The humanistic nature of African morality.
- B The normative nature of African morality.
- C The communal nature of African morality.
- D The social nature of African morality.

30. The ideal form of governance in Africa according to Kwasi Wiredu can be summarised as one of :

- A Consensual democracy.
- B Multi-party democracy.
- C Traditional democracy.
- D Non-party democracy.

31. The ultimate aim of Pan-africanism can be expressed as an ideology for the :

- A Liberation of African from colonial domination.
- B Economic and social empowerment of the African.
- C Creation of an African awareness.
- D Valorisation of African culture.

32. Which of the following is a limiting factor for the growth of African Democracy.

- A Outside world influence.
- B Caste system.
- C Existence of witchcraft.
- D Succession rights.

33. «I am because we are, and if we are, therefore, I am. » This quotation is a perfect reflection of the Africa philosophical concept of :

- A Consciencism.
- B Ujama'a.
- C Ubuntu.
- D Negritude.

34. Nkrumah's assertion that : « An intellectual revolution, [...] in our minds that must direct the redemption of the African, » aptly qualifies ?

- A Pan-Africanism.
- B Consciencism.
- C Communitarianism.
- D Communalism.

35. Reality in Africa is determined by cultural, geographical, and historical factors. This is known as :

- A The existence of African philosophy.
- B The possibility of an African metaphysics.
- C The collectiveness of African philosophy.
- D African ontology.

36. Tempels' assertion that ; « Being is Force » depicts the :

- A Bantu metaphysics.
- B Bantu Ontology.
- C Bantu cosmology.
- D Bantu epistemology.

37. The nature of the relationship between forces in African cosmology implicitly means they are :

- A Causal and fundamental.
- B Hierarchical and interconnected.
- C Mystical and causal.
- D Interconnected and interdependent.

38. Beings in African cosmology are arranged in :

- A Causal order.
- B Interdependent order.
- C Hierarchical order.
- D Mystical order.

39. Identify the group of African philosophers who are of the Nationalistic Ideological trend.

- A Marcien Towa and Eboussi Boulaga.
- B Leopold Sedar Senghor and Kwame Nkrumah.
- C Paulin Hountondji and Marcien Towa.
- D Julius Nyerere and Eboussi Boulaga.



40. Which of the following qualifies Jean Paul Sartre as an atheist ?

- A He asserts that a human person is the architect of his own destiny.
- B He denies the existence of God.
- C He asserts that only humankind exists.
- D He ascertains that God is an essence.

41. Sartre's consideration of Existentialism as humanism signifies that ;

- A Existence precedes existence.
- B The individual makes free choices.
- C Only the individual is considered as existing.
- D Man is responsible for his acts.

42. In which stage of Kierkegaard's Existentialism does the individual consider moral evil as a product of will ?

- A The aesthetical stage.
- B The religious stage.
- C The moral stage.
- D The Ethical stage.

43. Which of the following according to Kierkegaard makes up a person's unique existence ?

- A Truth.
- B Commitment.
- C Subjectivity.
- D Choice.

44. Identify the philosophical doctrine which holds that a theory is true if it is practical :

- A Existentialism.
- B Pragmatism.
- C Scholasticism.
- D Empiricism.

45. To C.S.Peirce, why is science the best method of fixing beliefs ?

- A Because it is tested by the criteria of experience and experimentation.
- B Because it is objective and abstract.
- C Because it is individual and subjective.
- D Because it is objective and individual.

46. The ethical principles which stresses on the outstanding dignity of the human person and that which asserts that God is the sole owner of life are respectively known as :

- A The principles of utility and sanctity of life.
- B The principles of autonomy and sanctity.
- C The principles of autonomy and higher Good.
- D The principles of utility and higher Good.

47. One of the societal arguments against the practice of violence is that :

- A It generates other violence.
- B It violates another's right to life.
- C It violates his freedom as a free citizen.
- D It causes psychological trauma.

48. Which two principles below adequately are against the acceptability of abortion ?

- A Sanctity of life, Double effect.
- B Higher Good, Autonomy.
- C Higher Good, Human Right.
- D Sanctity of life, Human Right.

49. Identify the principle which advocates for the respect of a person's choice provided it does not harm others :

- A Autonomy.
- B Double Effect.
- C Human Right.
- D Higher Good.

50. A principle against Human embryonic stem cell research is :

- A Absolute sanctity of life
- B The Nothing is lost principle ( NILP).
- C Benevolence.
- D Non-maleficence.

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