UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

COURSE CODE: JMC 126

COURSE TITLE: PHILOSOPHY AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 14TH APRIL, 2023   TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

a) Assume you are supposed to give a lecture on branches of philosophy to media students; define to them what logic is in relation to objective reporting. (2 marks)

b) Imagine you are in the field reporting on poor relationship between police officers and villagers in Kibabii, state three reasons why deductive thinking will help you better contextualize your report. (3 marks)

c) Briefly explain the relationship between logic and values as common concepts in philosophy. (5 marks)

d) While on a school holiday you meet two neighbours arguing vigorously regarding whether terrorism is culturally or religiously influenced. As a philosophy student you think they are wrong. Use your knowledge on logic to correct them. (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Philosophy students are found arguing about what epistemology is in relation to journalism. Suppose you are one of these students what could be your view? (2 marks)

b) Outline three major concerns of epistemology. (3 marks)

c) Explain briefly how morality relates to epistemology. (5 marks)

d) Explain five components of pragmatism as understood in philosophy. (10 marks)

QUESTION (20 MARKS)

a) Philosophy is known to deal with controversial matters in society. Explain briefly why assumes this nature at times. (5 marks)

b) Explain how the knowledge of philosophy is relevant to journalists while reporting on a controversial matter. (15 marks)

QUESTION (20 MARKS)

a) Using a relevant example give a distinction between the terms ethics and law. (5 marks)

b) Explain how journalists are restrained by ethics and laws in their daily duties. (15 marks

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe four theories of truth.