



# **MASENO UNIVERSITY**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012**

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS  
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(MAIN CAMPUS)**

### **APH 415: EXISTENTIALISM**

*Date: 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2012*

*Time: 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.*

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any Three questions.

1. Expound on any of the key themes of existentialism, showing the contribution of any three existentialist philosophers to the development of this theme.
2. Elaborate the stages of existence according to Kierkegaard.
3. Discuss the concept "will to power" as it appears in Nietzsche.
4. Give a detailed account of the contribution of existentialism to philosophy.
5. Compare and contrast the metaphysical understanding of the notion "existence" and Heidegger's understanding of that notion.
6. The notion of the absurd does not imply nihilism for Albert Camus as it does for Nietzsche. Explain this statement, indicating whether you agree with it or not. Give reasons for your position.