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**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS – SCHOOL-BASED

ARE 202: ETHICS I

Date: 20th December, 2016

Time: 11.00 - 2.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE Questions. All questions carry equal marks



1. Socrates stated that “an unexamined life is not worth living”. Critically discuss that with an eye on the relevance today of Socrates as a social and moral critic.
2. (a) What is the intrinsic good for evaluation of human conduct in Aristotle’s Nichomachean ethics? (b) What is virtue according to Aristotle and what does it play in his ethics? (c) Briefly define at least 4 of types of virtue identified by Aristotle?
3. (a) Briefly outline hedonism.
(b) Describe Epicurean hedonism and show how its view of pleasure differs from our common understanding of pleasure.
(c) Briefly define: (i) psychological hedonism; (ii) ethical hedonism; (iii) Psychological egoism; and (iv) ethical egoism.
4. (a) State the ordinary meaning of the word “stoic” and critically distinguish it from the meaning of stoicism as an ethical school; (b) state the roles of reason, self-control, and fortitude and self-control in stoic ethics; (c) critically discuss the four stoic cardinal virtues.
5. (a) Critically distinguish between our common understanding of the word “cynic” and cynicism that is the ancient Greek school of ethical philosophers; (b) critically evaluate the four reasons why the cynics of ancient Greece were so named; (c) Assess the cynic statement that “the goal of life is happiness which is to live in agreement with nature”.
6. (a) What is the general view of utilitarianism and what are its similarities with Epicureanism?
(c) What is the relevance of utilitarianism to the creation of policy and laws?