



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS PHILOSOPHY
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MAIN CAMPUS

APH 301: METAPHHYSICS

Date 20th February, 2018

Time: 3.30 - 6.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE Questions. All questions carry equal marks



1. Explain the meaning of the term metaphysics and compare and contrast it with the major branches of philosophy.
2. Critically discuss FOUR key concerns of cosmology.
3. (a) Identify and explain the kinds of questions that ontology tries to answer.
(b) Highlight the ontologies of Plato, and Aristotle.
4. (a) Briefly explain the following: theism, deism, monotheism, atheism, polytheism, and pantheism.
(b) Outline the general characteristics of the cosmological and design arguments for God' s existence.
(c) How does the argument from evil attempt to challenge the existence of God?
5. (a) What is the nature of mind within the context of metaphysics?
(b) Explain the significance of the notion of intentionality in relation to consciousness.
(c) Compare and contrast the dualist (interactionism, parallelism, occasionalism, epiphenomenalism etc.) and monist (behaviourism, identity theory, functionalism, physicalism, etc.) solutions to the mind-body problem.
6. "Metaphysics is too abstract". Discuss that statement.