



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 311: PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Date 23rd February, 2018

Time: 8.30 - 11.30am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE Questions. All questions carry equal marks



1. Identify the social sciences and explain their key characteristics.
2. Evaluate the main assumptions of Naturalism and the Unity of Scientific Method.
3. Critically discuss the following Critiques of Naturalism.
 - a. The Absence of Social Laws.
 - b. Interpretivism and the Meaningfulness of the Social World.
 - c. The Hidden Ideology of Value Neutrality.
4. Outline the characteristics of Methodological Individualism and Holism.
5. Evaluate the following tasks of Social Science:
 - a. Uncovering Facts.
 - b. Correlation Analysis.
 - c. Identifying Mechanisms.
6. Explain the nature of Methodological Pluralism.