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Subject Title	PHILOSOPHY
Paper No	Paper 2 (Philosophical issues and Textual studies)
Subject Code	790

Timing: 3hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the following instructions carefully before start answering the questions in the paper.

This paper will consist of three (3) sections:

- Candidates are required to answer four questions, choosing at least one from each section.
- Each Question carries 25marks.

You are reminded of the necessity for good English and orderly presentation in your answers

SECTION A: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

1. Do you agree that the sophists were philosophers? 25mks
2. *Can it be asserted that the scholastic view of God is unquestionable?* 25mks

SECTION B: AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

1. Conscencism enhances the growth of African personality. Do you agree? 25mks
2. To deny that witchcraft exist is problematic. Discuss. 25mks

SECTION C: TEXTUAL STUDIES /ANALYSIS

Sub-section one: Rene Descartes: Meditations on first Philosophy

"7. Read the following passage and answer the questions below;

What ever I have accepted until now as most true has come through my senses. But occasionally me and it is unwise to trust in them.

Yet, although the senses sometimes deceive us about objects that are very small or distant, that does not apply to my belief that I am here, sitting by the fire, wearing a winter dressing gown, holding this piece of paper in my hands and so on, it seems to be quite impossible to doubt beliefs like these, which come from the senses.

Another example: how can I doubt that these hands or this whole body are mine? To doubt such things I would have to liken myself to brain-damaged madmen who are convinced they are kings when really they are paupers, or say they are dressed in purple when they are naked or that they are pumpkins, or made of glass. Such people are insane and I would be thought equally mad if modeled myself on them.

Questions

- (a) What is the main theme of the text above and its logical articulations? 5mks
- b) Explain the following expression from the passage:
 - (i) "But occasionally, I have found that they have deceived me and it is unwise to trust in them", (ii)"... That doesn't apply to my belief ... it seems to be quite impossible to doubt beliefs like these, which come from the sense". 4mks
- c) Why according to Descartes, sense perception is not an adequate way of acquiring true and certain knowledge? 3mks
- d) What makes the Cartesian specificity different from that of the Empiricists? 4mks

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e) Do you consider the Cartesian subjectivism tenable'?

f) Is Cartesian subjectivity of any relevance to the philosophy today?

5mks

SUB-SECTION B: KWAME ANTHONY: Appiah: In my Father's House: Africa in the philosophy of culture:

Read the following passage and answer the questions below:

.....beliefs in invisible agents mean that most Africans cannot fully accept those scientific theories in the west that are in consistent with it. I do not believe, despite what many appear to think, that this is a reason for shame and embarrassment. But it is something to think about. If modernization is conceived of, in part, as the acceptance of science, we have to decide whether we think the evidence obliges us to give up the invisible ontology. We can easily be misled here by the accommodation between science and religion that has occurred among educated people in unindustrialized world in general and in the united states in particular. For this has a considerable Limitation of the domains in which it is permissible for intellectuals to invoke spiritual agency. The question how much of the world of the spirit we intellectuals must give up (or transform into something ceremonial without the old literal ontology) is one we must face and I do not think the answer is obvious" p.35: Kwame Anthony Appiah: In my Father's House: Africa in the philosophy of culture. Questions

a) State the central theme and logical articulations of the text above.

5mks

b) Explain the following words and expressions as used in the passage.

i) Permissible for intellectuals to involve spiritual agency.

2mks

ii) Obvious

2mks

iii) Give up the invisible ontology.

2mks

c) What is the author's thesis?

3mks

d) To what extent is the author's view different from that of the scholastics?

4mks

e) Why does the author think that the answer is obvious?

3mks

f) What is the impact of the text to contemporary society?

4mks