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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2024/2025

THIRDYEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION ARTS/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE/ BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IN
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IN
MECAHNICAL ENGINEERING

EFN 3300: PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question *One* (Compulsory) and any other *Two* Questions. Do not write anything on this question paper

QUESTION ONE - (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the **FOUR** content areas of Technical Philosophy. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain the levels through which human consciousness is acquired according to Paulo Freire. (5 Marks)
- c) Identify **FIVE** salient attributes that make man unique from all other animal species. (5 Marks)
- d) Discuss at least **FIVE** categories of values that are built into educational practices. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the Critical method of philosophy. (5 Marks)
- b) After a series of school strikes, Ukweli TV hosted some school principals to discuss issues surrounding student unrest. Mr Mkuki, one of the school heads, observed in the discussion that many schools were

not democratically organized and this was to blame for the situation at hand. Discuss at least **FIVE** points he may have raised to explain his point of view. (15 Marks)

QUESTION THREE - (20 MARKS)

- a) Using their distinctive characteristics, distinguish between Technical and General philosophy. (10 Marks)
- b) You have been appointed as the principal at Mana high school. You intend to manage the school in a manner that ensures that students coming out of your school will have sufficient skills to cope with challenges of life after school. Describe **FIVE** measures you will take to ensure that students from your school have the required creative skills to achieve this goal. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – (20 MARKS)

During a Philosophy of Education class, Shikwekwe defined Education as the process through which children acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes in order to become functional members of society. His lecturer Prof Malema was critical of the answer, noting that this was a very narrow conception of Education. Using your knowledge of philosophy of education, provide a sufficient answer that captures the multidimensional nature of the concept of education. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – (20 MARKS)

- a) One day, professor Ole Magut from the school of Engineering found John, a third year teacher trainee at Meru University of Science and Technology reading notes on Philosophy of Education. The professor was skeptical about the rationale for the student engagement in the unit. Provide FIVE of John's responses that could have satisfied the professor. (10 Marks)
- b) Examine any FIVE types of ethics in education as provided in the study of Philosophy of Education. (10 Marks).