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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- **ANSWER SECTION A ON THE MARK READING SHEET**
- **ANSWER SECTION B IN THE ANSWER BOOK PROVIDED.**

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**SECTION A- MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (496875)**

- 1. Empiricists ask the following question:**
  - 1 How can I be happy?
  - 2 Who is my neighbour?
  - 3 How do I know that something is true?
  - 4 Why am I poor?
  
- 2. People who promote empiricism tend to be critical of**
  - 1 modern science
  - 2 experience
  - 3 religion and ideologies like Marxism
  - 4 scientific claims
  
- 3. Postmodernism is beneficial to researchers in that it enables them to**
  - 1 re-examine the need for tradition in life
  - 2 identify the structure of power relations
  - 3 respect the natural laws of the universe
  - 4 question the claims of a rigid morality
  
- 4. According to which method of enquiry in philosophy is the ideal world one in which science and technology are dominant?**
  - 1 Phenomenology
  - 2 Hermeneutics
  - 3 Modernism
  - 4 Postmodernism
  
- 5. From the following statements, identify two that are propagated by Hermeneutics.**
  - A Hermeneutics affirms the importance of monologue in the understanding of any issue
  - B Hermeneutics emphasises the importance of listening and observing
  - C Hermeneutics is anti-authoritarian and encourages individuals to create their own meaning and understanding
  - D Hermeneutics claims that an individual's death-experience influences the way they understand the world
  - 1 a and b
  - 2 b and c
  - 3 c and d
  - 4 a and d
  
- 6. "An individual's life experience influences the way she understands the world." To which philosophy does this statement link?**
  - 1 Feminism
  - 2 Phenomenology
  - 3 Empiricism
  - 4 Hermeneutics

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7. **“The method of enquiry in philosophy that focuses on symbols and how we interpret them” is ..**
- 1 hermeneutics
  - 2 phenomenology
  - 3 empiricism
  - 4 critical Rationalism
8. **Which philosophy provides a “theoretical framework which helps us to discover our own artistic ability”?**
- 1 Existentialism
  - 2 Hermeneutics
  - 3 Phenomenology
  - 4 Logical Empiricism
9. **Hermeneutics is quite similar to which other method of enquiry in philosophy?**
- 1 Postmodernism
  - 2 Feminism
  - 3 Modernism
  - 4 Existentialism
- 10 **Which method of enquiry is largely neglected because of our concern with science and technology?**
- 1 Phenomenology
  - 2 Modernism
  - 3 Hermeneutics
  - 4 Postmodernism
- 11 **Which philosophy would make the claim that “the discovery of the real self is important”?**
- 1 Positivism
  - 2 Empiricism
  - 3 Existentialism
  - 4 Phenomenology
- 12 **Which philosophical position is linked to the statement that “human and personal experience is analysed and reflected upon”.**
- 1 Feminism
  - 2 Existentialism
  - 3 Critical Rationalism
  - 4 Phenomenology
- 13 **The essential problem addressed by phenomenologists is .**
- 1 how to confront myself in order to discover the real “me”
  - 2 how to confront others in order to discover the real “me”
  - 3 how to discover meaning and think clearly on issues
  - 4 how to change the world in order to make it a better place

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**14. Which of the following questions would a phenomenologist ask?**

- 1 What is my place in the class?
- 2 What is my place in the universe?
- 3 What is my place in the cemetery?
- 4 What is my place in the university?

**15. Which of the following questions would Systems Theory ask?**

- A How can the individual fit in to the whole ecosystem?
- B Why does the system not work?
- C In which way do individual emotions play a role in scientific research?
- D What is the meaning of my personal life?

- 1 a and b
- 2 b and d
- 3 a and c
- 4 c and d

**16. "Political theory would form the basis for an education practice " Which philosophical position would this statement link to?**

- 1 Phenomenology
- 2 Existentialism
- 3 Critical Theory
- 4 Empiricism

**17. Which of the following characteristics applies to Systems Theory?**

- 1 It works towards a point
- 2 It works towards co-operation
- 3 It works towards a goal
- 4 It works towards unification

**18. Critical Theory resists ....**

- 1 all forms of power
- 2 all forms of honour
- 3 all forms of valour
- 4 all forms of criticism

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**19 Feminism does not have dedicated methods of enquiry. Proponents of Feminism generally use existing methods of enquiry. Select three methods from the following list used by Feminism**

- A Critical Theory
- B Logical Empiricism
- C Critical Rationalism
- D Phenomenology

- 1 a, b and c
- 2 a, c and d
- 3 b, c and d
- 4 a, b and d

**20. Which philosophy argues that individuals have certain innate human rights?**

- 1 Phenomenology
- 2 Feminism
- 3 Empiricism
- 4 Existentialism

**21 Learning is a process leading to the liberation of women in a patriarchal dispensation. Which method of enquiry does this statement relate to?**

- 1 Feminism
- 2 Systems Theory
- 3 Phenomenology
- 4 Empiricism

**22. The women's movement in Africa has argued for ...**

- 1 power of sisterhood
- 2 power of brotherhood
- 3 voting rights for women
- 4 violence against men

**23. The central ethical idea in traditional African thought is "ubuntu". Which of the following ideas characterises "ubuntu"?**

- A It emphasises the individual's needs
- B It relates to human happiness and well-being
- C It emphasises material/financial well-being
- D It emphasises the development of human beings through others

- 1 b and d
- 2 a and c
- 3 c and d
- 4 a and d

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- 24 The New Age Movement and African philosophy have certain ideas in common. Which of the following are associated with African philosophy and the New Age Movement?**
- A Both place emphasis on the unseen (spiritual) world
  - B Both need to verify all statements
  - C Both emphasise the importance of community life
  - D Both emphasise individual needs
- 1 a and b
  - 2 a and c
  - 3 a and d
  - 4 c and d
- 25 African philosophy can help us ....**
- 1 to challenge power
  - 2 to appreciate science
  - 3 to build communities
  - 4 to reason logically
- 26. Indicate the correct option. African philosophy .**
- 1 is a materialistic philosophy based on history
  - 2 is a response to the problems and troubles of Africa
  - 3 is designed to support Western views on Africa
  - 4 is dependent on Western philosophy for its ideas
- 27 One of the benefits of espousing an African philosophical perspective relates to .**
- 1 the identification of those who have power and those who do not
  - 2 the encouragement of human beings to show greater humility
  - 3 its capacity to allow us to question those in authority
  - 4 the discovery of our own hidden, creative and artistic abilities
- 28. The method of enquiry adopted by African philosophy includes the use of**
- 1 sage, ethnic and political methods of enquiry.
  - 2 Critical Theory together with African philosophy
  - 3 African philosophy from the Taoist teachings
  - 4 Ideological teachings on Ujamaa from Egypt
- 29 Existentialism helps us to ....**
- 1 be open about ourselves
  - 2 solve problems logically
  - 3 think scientifically
  - 4 analyse and criticise logically

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**30 Indicate the correct statement about what a Nihilist is. It is a person who ...**

- 1 believes that life has no meaning
- 2 believes that life is beautiful
- 3 believes that life has meaning
- 4 believes that life is worth living

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## **SECTION B**

### **QUESTION 1**

- 1 1 What is the most famous version of Critical Theory? (2)
- 1 2 What distinguishes Western thought from African thought? (2)
- 1 3 What is the meaning of the concept "ubuntu"? (2)
- 1 4 Which theory does Bertalanffy support? (2)
- 1 5 "Who in the world am I?" Which philosophy asks this question? (2)
- 1 6 Mention the three categories of phenomenology (3)
- 1 7 What is another name for logical empiricism? (2)

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### **QUESTION 2**

Write a short paragraph on hermeneutics as a philosophy. In your answer refer to the following aspects

- supporters of hermeneutics
- three ideas propagated by hermeneutics
- two aspects hermeneutics cannot help us with

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### **QUESTION 3**

Write short notes on the following

- 3 1 linguistic analysis (8)
- 3 2 logical symbolism (2)
- 3 3 empiricism (4)
- 3 4 Who is the most popular supporter of linguistic analysis? (1)

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**QUESTION 4**

- 4 1 Describe three main ideas of existentialism (6)
- 4 2 Explain the concept of nihilism (2)
- 4 3 Name two supporters of existentialism (2)
- [10]**

**QUESTION 5**

- 5 1 Distinguish between modernism and postmodernism (4)
- 5 2 Discuss four aspects of the human condition that postmodernism examines (8)
- 5 3 Which three philosophies are related to postmodernism? (3)
- [15]**
- TOTAL: [100]**





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