

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

BA EXAMINATION

PHI 322: METAPHYSICS

Marks: 100

Time 3 hours

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Answer only THREE questions.

1. Clearly explain the difference between the direct concept of being and the reflex concept of being.
2. Give a critical analysis of a logical being with a foundation in reality.
3. In order that something be a real principle, it is necessary that the principle be prior to reality which proceeds from it. With the aid of examples clearly explain these three priorities:
 - a) priority of time
 - b) priority of nature
 - c) priority of origin
4. There are as many kinds of 'acts' as there are kinds of 'being', because every being as such is a perfection. Explain 'act' along these general lines:
 - a) essence
 - b) existence
 - c) property
 - d) accident
5. Critically discuss the difference between physical essence and metaphysical essence.
6. A receptive subjective potency is the capacity for receiving an act. Clearly explain the difference between natural receptive potency and obediential receptive potency.