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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MASTER OF

PHIL 817: RENNAISANCE PHILOSOPHY

STREAMS: PART TIME

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 7 /10/ 2021

8.30 AM – 11.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question One (COMPULSORY) and any other Two Questions

1. A) Explain in detail what Renaissance Philosophy is and how it differs from the scholastic philosophy (15 marks)
- B) What is the meaning of rationalism, discuss how it influenced the movement from scholasticism to Rationalism (15 marks)
2. Explain in detail the contribution of Nicholas Copernicus and his contribution to renaissance Philosophy with his Copernicus revolutionary theory that the earth revolves on its own axis and around the sun (20 marks)
3. Explain in detail empiricism as a scientific method that dominated renaissance period (20 marks)
4. Critically discuss the contributions of Descartes to the renaissance Philosophy (20 marks)

5. Critically discuss why Renaissance was a humanistic movement based on science and reason rather than idealism of the medieval and scholastic periods (20 marks)
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