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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN
PHILOSOPHY**

PHIL 800: ADVANCES IN PHILOSOPHY

STREAMS: PHILOSOPHY

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE : THURSDAY 15/07/2021

2.30 P.M – 5.30 P.M

INSTRUCTION

Answer question one and other two questions

1. (a) Explain the following concepts as they are understood and applied in philosophy.
 - (i) Idealism [5 marks]
 - (ii) Empiricism [5 marks]
 - (iii) Rationalism [5 marks]

- (b) Explain what Hegel means with the following in his metaphysical theory of absolute idealism.
 - (i) Reality as totality of conceptual truth [5 marks]

 - (ii) Reality as absolute mind. [5 marks]

 - (iv) The real is the rational and the rational is the real. [5 marks]

2. Philosophers should reject myths, dogmas and received opinion as truths. Explain why. [20 marks]

3. Explain what dialectic is according to Hegel's philosophic concept of dialectic process.

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marks]

4. Briefly explain what philosophers in the ancient period dealt with. [20 marks]

5. Philosophy began in Africa, if we understand philosophy not as being confirmed to systematic philosophy. Agree or disagree with this assertion and give your arguments for or against it. [20 marks]
