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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 938: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN EPISTEMOLOGY

STREAMS: TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 08/07/2021 2.30 P.M – 5.30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer questions one and any other two.

- 1. While conceptualizing a theory as the highest form of knowledge, discuss the role of internalism and externalism theories in Gnoseology. [30 marks]
- 2. Adequately critique the rationalism and empiricism and show what you would point as a source of knowledge from an Epistemological perspective. [20 marks]
- 3. Critically analyze the claim that, "knowledge is always personal," and illustrate the extent to which this claim may be logically valuable. [20 marks]
- 4. Highlight the main criticisms leveled at the traditional definition of knowledge as justified, true belief by Gettier. [20 marks]
- 5. Discuss the role played by foundationalism and coherentism approach play in analyzing and understanding phenomena. [20 marks]