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THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 316: CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

STREAMS: BA (PHIL)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 12/04/2023

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

1. (a) Explain the claims that truths of logic and mathematics are tautologies while those of science were verifiable claims. [15 marks]
- (b) What is the meaning of pragmatism in the context of logical positivism? [15 marks]
2. Discuss any four themes that characterize continental philosophy according to Michael E. Rosen. [20 marks]
3. Elaborate on the meaning and origins of idealism. To what extent do you agree or disagree with idealism? [20 marks]
4. Distinguish dialectical and historical materialism as explained by Karl Marx and Engels. [20 marks]
5. How did the concept that God is dead in Nietzsche bring an extraordinary opportunity in man overcoming himself? [20 marks]

