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**CHOGORIA/MAIN CAMPUS**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**PHIL 104: PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIETY**

**STREAMS: B.A**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 20/12/2023**

**11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- **Answer question one and any other two questions**

1. a) Define what philosophy is as an academic discipline and give five reasons why it is important to study philosophy in higher education institutions like colleges and universities. (15 marks)  
b) Discuss and analyze any three main branches of philosophy. (15 marks)
2. Explain the difference between deductive reasoning and inductive reasoning and give an example of each. (20 marks)
3. Critically address the problem of knowledge, whether knowledge is a product of our senses' experience or a product of our thinking. Justify your arguments. (20 marks)
4. Explain in detail what Plato's allegory of the cave is and giving examples, show its relevance in either religious, cultural or educational situations. (20 marks)
5. Critically analyze the following cosmological arguments in defense of God's existence:
  - a) Argument from motion (10 marks)
  - b) Argument from degrees of perfection. (10 marks)