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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

Course Code: PHL314

Course Title: Advanced Metaphysics

Credit Unit: 3

Time Allowed: 3hrs

Instruction: Answer Question 1 and any other three (All Questions carry 15mks except Question 1 that carries 25mks)

1. (a) What is metaphysics? 7marks.
(b) Discuss August Comte's, David Hume's and the Logical Positivists attempt to eliminate metaphysics and why these efforts are considered futile. 18 marks.

Total 25marks

2. What, if any, is the relevance of metaphysics? Critically present your arguments. 15marks.
3. Discuss the following systems of metaphysics and make critical remarks on them:
Realism **5marks**, Idealism **5marks** and Nominalism **5marks**.

Total 15marks

4. What are 'universals' and why does it constitute a problem in metaphysics? **7.5 marks**
Attempt an assessment of William of Ockham's treatment of the universals. **7.5marks**.

Total 15marks.

5. Critically discuss the religious and philosophical views on human nature. (**7.5marks for each of the views**)

Total 15mks.