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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: PHL342

COURSE TITLE: Early Modern Philosophy (3 CREDIT UNITS)

TIME: 3HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE (1) and any other THREE (3)

- 1 a. Analyse at least three factors that brought about the modern period of philosophy. **15marks**
b. Evaluate the role of at least two philosophers in the rise of modern science. **10marks**
- 2 Discuss the cultural and intellectual factors that contributed to the rise of modern philosophy in the 17th century. Focus on the roles of the Renaissance, Reformation, and Scientific Revolution. **15marks**
- 3 Compare and contrast Schelling's and Fichte's approaches to idealism. How did Schelling's view of the Absolute differ from Fichte's? **15marks**
- 4 Discuss Robert Boyle's theory of mind and his views on the mind-body relationship. How did he reconcile his mechanistic science with his belief in immaterial substances? **15marks**
- 5 Assess Blaise Pascal's critique of human reason and his defence of the Christian faith. How does his "wager" argument attempt to justify belief in God? **15marks**