



## GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **ONE**  
**FIRST** SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: PRT 110

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO FAITH AND REASON

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

**DATE: 01/12/17**

**TIME: 2 .00-5.00 PM**

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has **SIX (6)** questions
- Question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY**
- Choose any other **THREE (3)** questions from the remaining **FIVE (5)** questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

This paper consists of **TWO (2)** printed pages

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### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Demonstrate your understanding of the term philosophy. **[8 marks]**
- (b) Judges act like philosophers in courts of law, explain how a judge establishes the truth before pronouncing a verdict. **[17 marks]**

### QUESTION TWO

Write short notes on the following major areas of philosophy:

- i. Metaphysics **[3 marks]**
- ii. Epistemology **[3 marks]**
- iii. Ethics **[3 marks]**
- iv. Logic **[3 marks]**
- v. Ontology **[3 marks]**

### QUESTION THREE

Philosopher Nietzsche during the Nazi Hitler Germany wrote a book called “god is dead” and his university students wrote placards saying “Nietzsche is dead”. Comment on this as a student of faith and reason. **[15 marks]**

### QUESTION FOUR

The dispute between rationalism and empiricism concerns the extent to which we are dependent upon sense experience in our effort to gain knowledge. Critically evaluate this dispute as you unveil the meaning of both rationalism and empiricism. **[15 marks]**

### QUESTION FIVE

Critically evaluate the importance of philosophy in the church and society. **[15 marks]**

### QUESTION SIX

In the context of the relationship between philosophy with theology, discuss the famous statement by Tertullian: “what has Athens to do with Jerusalem?”. **[15 marks]**

