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Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Sciences and International Studies

Academic Year: 2024

Course Title: Logic and Critical Thinking

Course Code: LoCT 1011

Total Weight (40%)

Name of Student _____ ID NO _____

Department _____ Center _____ Semester _____

Part I: Give the appropriate answer for the following questions and try to address these questions by giving practical examples.

1. What is logic and why we study it? (8 pts)
2. What is the role of language in studying logic? (8 pts)
3. Explain the difference between cogent and uncogent argument by giving your own examples. (8 pts)
4. Explain the meaning of fallacy? What is the importance of studying it? (8 pts)
5. What is critical thinking? What are the factors affecting critical thinking? (8 pts)



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Distance and Continuing Education Program

Moral and Civic Education (MCiE-1012) Assignment

Weight: 40%

Answer the following questions

1. Explain the difference and similarities between deontological and teleological ethical theories (8 pt.).
2. What are the major purposes and functions of government? (8pt)
3. What are the basic differences between Cyrenacism and Epicureanism ethical theories (8)
4. Discuss the basic features of human right and its classifications 8pt).
5. Briefly discuss the basic differences between federal state structure from unitary.(8pt)



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Distance and Continuing Education Program
Global Trends (GITr-1012) Assignment

Weight: 40%

1. Elaborate the essence of International Relation and its basic Actors (8 points)
2. Discuss the concept of Foreign policy and its Instruments (8points).
3. List and xplain basic theoretical perspectives of International Political Economy (8 points).
4. Elaborate the positive and negative implications of Globalization on third world countries (8points)
5. Discuss contemporary global environmental and Security issues (8 points).



Date 17/20/18

BAHIR DAR UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Individual Assignment for Distance Students of Civic and Ethical Studies

Total weight: 40%

Course Title: Introduction to philosophy

COURSE CODE: (CESt-2015)

1. Discuss the definition of philosophy and its core branches. In addition, briefly explain the wisdom that philosophers really pursue. (8 points)
2. Compare and contrast philosophy, religion and science. (5 points)
3. Briefly explain the metaphysical positions and their relationships, such as dualism, monism, materialism, and idealism. (5 points)
4. Distinguish between the pre-Socratic metaphysical theories of Heraclitus, Parmenides, and Empedocles. (3 points)
5. Critically discuss Plato's and Aristotle's positions on reality and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. (5 points)
6. Explain Rene Descartes' Metaphysics and express the mind-body problem. (4 points)
7. What is epistemology? Distinguish rationalism from empiricism and put your own reflection on these two epistemological theories. Are you in favour of the former one or the latter one, and why? (5 points)
8. What is African philosophy? Review the major trends, such as ethno philosophy, sage philosophy, professional philosophy, ideological philosophy of African philosophy. (5 points)



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Civic and Ethical Studies Distance Program

Applied Ethics Assignment

Weight: 40%

Course Code: (CESt-2016)

1. Compare and contrast ethics and other normative sciences, such as law and theology. (5 points)
2. Identify and critically discuss the arguments that denounce and advocate capital punishment. (6)
3. What is Cloning? What are the most commonly known perspectives of Cloning? Briefly explain arguments for and against the act of Cloning. Which argument do you think is reasonable enough to be acceptable, and why? (8 points)
4. What is terrorism? Why is difficult to give a single and formal definition for the term terrorism? Briefly explain some of the definitions given to terrorism by different scholars and organizations. Mention some of the terms which are usually confused with terrorism? What do you think about the benefit of identifying these terms? (6 points)
5. Discuss the definitions, goals and strategies of development ethics. Do you think development is mere material well-being? Why not? (8 points)
6. Do you think that the natural environment should be directly morally considerable in itself? Or is it morally considerable only indirectly or instrumentally? Why? Identify your own stand and justify it. (7 points)



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Continuing and Distance Education Program

Weight: 40%

Survey of Human Rights (CESt-2021) Assignmen (10pts.each)

1. How do you view the argument of the Will theory approach of rights?
2. Discuss the major arguments of cultural relativists.
3. Explain the strengths and weakness of United Nations in promoting and implementing human rights?
4. Discuss the differences between the human rights provisions among the Imperial, Dergue constitutions and the transitional charter of Ethiopia.



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Department of Political Science and International Studies
Program: Distance

Course: **Political Philosophy II (CESt. 2022)** Assignment 40%

General instructions

- Direct Copying from module/internet is prohibited
- Copying from other student is prohibited
- It Should be neatly written
- Maximum page number for the whole assignment is 8 pages

1. Why did Machiavelli, in the Prince, advocate absolute government? What are the advices of Machiavelli to the prince and why? (8 pts.)
2. Discuss why Thomas Hobbes's state of nature is equated with state of anarchy and equality of human beings. (6 pts.)
3. Discuss the reasons why Locke's state of nature is moral (not state of anarchy as in Hobbes) and why Locke advocated limited government. (6 pts.)
4. Discuss the main reasons that compelled human beings to end state of nature and enter into social contract in the case of Hobbes and Locke. (5 pts.)
5. Discuss Rousseau's state of nature, social contract, and general will. (7 pts.)
6. Discuss Karl Marx's theory of class struggle, alienation, and surplus value. (8 pts.)



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Democracy and Election (CESt 2023) Assignment

Weight: 40%

1. List and discusses five features of democratic elections? (8 pt.)
2. Pinpoint and discuss four challenges of democratization in Africa (8 pt.)
3. List actors in the democratization process of the state? (8 pt.)
4. Pin point out some limitations of democracy and discuss? (8 pt.)
5. Discuss the core idea of '*the Lipset thesis*' on the nexus between Economic Development
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and Democracy why? (8 pt.)





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CONSTITUTION AND CONSTITUTIONALISM: ETHIOPIAN FOCUS (CESt-2024)

Weight: 40%

1. List and explain at least five salient features of the FDRE Constitution (10 points).
2. What are the fundamental principles of the traditional Constitution (5 points)?
3. What are the most prominent constitutionally significant traditional documents? Explain (5 points).
4. What were the motives of the 1931 Constitution of Haile Selassie? Explain (5 points).
5. What was the major reason for the revision of the 1955 Constitution of Haile Selassie? Explain (5 points).
6. What are the key institutions of the PDRE Constitution? Explain (5 points).
7. What are the major powers and functions of the House of Federations (5 points)?



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Assignment Questions (40%)

Course Name: Introduction to Peace and Conflict

Course Code: CESt -2025

1. Briefly discuss the types, causes, actors and consequences of conflicts in Ethiopia?(in the post 1990s)(5pt)
2. Explain the meaning of sovereignty and how do you think it causes conflict between states?(5pt)
3. Define the meaning of positive and negative peace and discuss the difference and similarity between the two?(5pt)
4. Discuss briefly the difference between intra state and inter group conflict? Is there any intra state and inter group conflict in your locality? Please discuss when and where it started and how to resolve it?(5pt)
5. Discuss the basic differences, advantages and disadvantages of litigation (formal) court system) and alternative conflict resolution mechanisms (informal systems)?(5pt)
6. Discuss the meaning of conflict analysis and the different tools of conflict analysis?(5pt)
7. Briefly explain what conflict dynamics mean and discuss the factors that affect escalation and de-escalation of conflicts?(5pt)
8. Discuss the basic differences and similarities between conflict, peace and violence (5pt)?



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Department of Political Science and International Studies

Program of Civics and Ethical Studies

Assignment for Survey of Socio-political Systems in Africa

(CEST-2025)

Weight: 40%

1. Discuss the different ruling systems / political institutions during the pre-colonial Africa? State the major features of pre-colonial Africa? (8 points)
2. Discuss the meaning and forms of slavery? State the impacts of slave trade on Africa? Define colonialism? Discuss the legacies of Colonialism? (8 points)
3. Discuss the nature of post-colonial states? Define nation-building? Discuss the nation building policies used by African states? (8 points)
4. Define cold war? Discuss the struggle between the communist powers and western powers during cold war? State the impact of cold war on African socio-political systems? (8 points)
5. Discuss the concept of democracy and democratization? Explain the obstacles to democratization in Africa? Discuss the prospects of democratization in Africa (8 points)



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Department of Political Sciences and International Studies

Academic Year: 2024

Course Title: Moral Philosophy

Course Code: CESt 2026

Total Weight (40%)

Name of Student _____ ID NO _____

Department _____ Center _____ Semester _____

Part I: Give the appropriate answer for the following questions and try to address these questions by giving practical examples.

1. What is moral philosophy? And, explain the rationales of studying it? (5 pts)
2. Discuss the difference between deontological and teleological ethics. (5 pts)
3. Define the term utilitarianism and list out its practical applications in life. (5 pts)
4. Explain the difference between ethical relativism and absolutism. (5 pts)
5. Define the term virtue ethics and compare the virtue ethics of Plato and Aristotle. (5 pts)
6. Explain the difference between hypothetical and categorical imperative. (5 pts)
7. What is the difference between Mill and Bentham theory of utilitarianism? (5 pts)
8. The issue of abortion is one of the most controversial and hotly debated issues in the area of moral philosophy specifically in applied ethics. What is your philosophical position regarding the practice of abortion? (5 pts)



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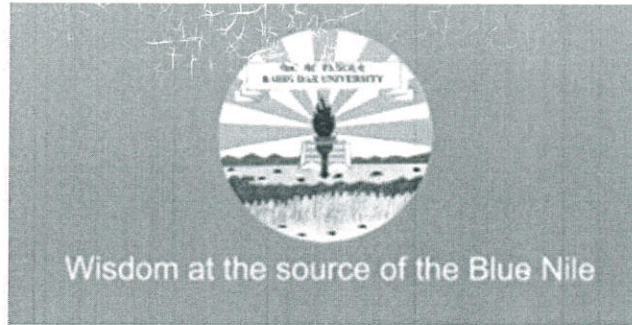
Distance Education Program

Course: Politics in the Horn and the Middle East Assignment

Course Code: CESt-3031

1. Discuss the causes of conflict in the Horn of Africa? (Chapter 1)
2. Discuss interstate relations in the Horn of Africa? Explain the interests and roles of external actors in the Horn of Africa? (Chapter 1)
3. Explain the role and functions of Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)? Explore opportunities and challenges of IGAD? (Chapter 2)
4. Discuss the impact of colonialism on Modern Middle Eastern States? What are the motives and interests of external powers in the Middle East? (Chapter 3)
5. Critically examine the genesis of Ethiopia-Eritrea war and post war settlement process? (Chapter 4)
6. Discuss the genesis of Arab-Israel conflict? Examine the challenges and prospects of Israeli-Palestinian peace process? (Chapter 4)





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Distance Education Program
Department: Civics and Ethical Studies

Course Title: Development Theory and Practice

Course Code: CESt-3033

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Year: II

Semester: II

Assessment Type: Individual Assignment

Total Load: 40%

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General Remarks

- *All questions have equal weight (8% Point each)*
- *You must attach this question paper with your assignment*
- *Cite the sources for your curiosity*
- *Try to make it short, clear, and to the main points with a maximum of 15 pages*

1. Compare and contrast between economic growth and economic development
2. Discuss modernization and dependency theories and then compare and contrast between them
3. Discuss the concepts of absolute and comparative advantages with examples
4. Discuss the debates on foreign aid and its effectiveness
5. Discuss national exchange rate systems with their advantages and disadvantages

