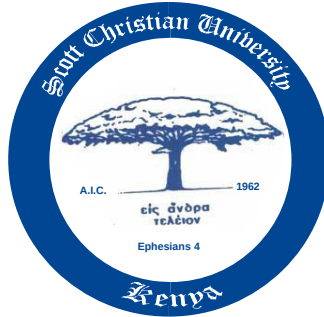




**SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**  
**THE 424 - INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS**  
**MARCH - JUNE 2021 FINAL EXAM – 60% - 2 HOURS**  
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*Incomplete answers will not attract any credit*

**SECTION ONE: COMPULSORY QUESTION**

1. Some scholars argue that philosophy is based on ethics while others argue that ethics is based on philosophy. Borrowing from both philosophy and ethics, provide your argument for the following scenario.

*‘A Christian sister got pregnant, and the Church decided to discipline her since she was not married.*

*When the elders of the Church met and interviewed her, she told them that she had stayed and remained in the Church for several years and no one is marrying her, and she is approaching the age of menopause where she cannot get pregnant even if married.*

*So, after reading some Christian medical journals on this issue, she decided and did artificial insemination since she wanted a child. She tendered both the medical journals and the medical documents that showed that she has done the artificial insemination from a reputable hospital.*

*Therefore, the sister is pregnant and has not committed fornication with any man.’*

Should this lady be disciplined? (20 Marks)

**SECTION TWO: CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS**

2 a). Matshona Dhliwayo an African philosopher based in Canada writes.

“The ignorant learn from none,  
the simple learn from some,  
the intelligent learn from many,

but enlightened learn from all.

The arrogant learn from none,  
the gracious learn from some,  
the patient learn from many,  
but the humble learn from all.

The disinterested learn from none,  
the curious learn from some,  
the keen learn from many,  
but the disciplined learn from all.”- **Matshona Dhliwayo**

What is the implication of this African philosopher’s words on epistemology as a branch of philosophy for the African context? **(10 Marks)**

2b) How would Plotinus’ philosophy summed in his statement *‘Knowledge, if it does not determine action, is dead to us.’* influence your approach to epistemology? **(10 Marks)**

3. You are the spiritual advisor and representative in the bioethics board at a medical facility. A healthy young man has been involved in an auto accident and the doctors have confirmed he will not survive but they will keep him on the ventilator to sustain the organs for a limited period. He is not listed as an organ donor, but the doctors know if his organs are harvested, they can be transplanted and save other people’s lives. His parents have refused to give consent and argued that as Christians, their son must be buried with all the organs intact ready for his resurrection when Jesus Christ comes back. The doctors have approached you and requested that you convince the parents that from a spiritual point of view, their son would be a blessing to other people if his parents give consent for organ donation.

a) How does spirituality influence ethics? **(10 Marks)**

b) Present your ethical response either for the hospital or for the young man’s parents? **(10 Marks)**

4. More people are open to being surrogates or using surrogacy to build a family,

(a) What are the effects of this practice on morality? **(10 Marks)**

(b) What are the ethical implications of surrogacy to the nuclear family? **(10 Marks)**

5. Provide ethically based arguments either for or against the following:

(a) Mercy Killing

(b) Abortion

(c) Purchase of ova or sperms from younger persons to enhance reproduction

(d) Child adoption by gay parents **(20 Marks)**