SECTION A
30 MARKS

Answer any THREE questions

1. Briefly describe what a worldview is. In your description please provide real life examples in which you demonstrate how a worldview works. (10)

2. It is said that there are a number of factors which may contribute to a development of a worldview. Give at least five factors that are likely to shape a person’s worldview. Also give examples of how the factors you have identified later form part of a worldview. (10)

3. Discuss a traditional worldview focusing on the following fundamental components of a worldview
   a. Epistemological framework
   b. Ontological framework (10)

4. “In almost all traditional worldviews one’s level of knowledge is arguably measured on the basis of how one is considered to be an expert on how to facilitate, enhance, unblock, or maintain the flow of vital force”. In light of this statement explain the centrality of the theory of vital force or force vitale in a traditional African worldview. (10)
5. While it is true that a traditional African worldview is a traditional worldview, not all traditional worldviews are African traditional worldviews. Explain the fundamental difference between traditional worldviews in general and a traditional African worldview. (10)

6. According to Nurnberger, it is possible for an ancestor to die. Explain this view in relation to the role that descendants of an ancestor play in the continued existence of one’s status as an ancestor. (10)

7. For most males in traditional African worldviews to have or not to have a male child is a matter of living and dying. Explain this statement in relation to the link between male lineage and immortality in traditional African worldviews. (10)

SECTION B
30 MARKS
Answer any TWO questions

8. Summarize the main features of the modern worldview under the headings of epistemology, ontology, and axiology. (15)

9. What impact does modern thought have on the world, both positive and negative? (15)

10. What is the central demand of modern thought, and how is this demand exemplified in Descartes’ philosophical method? (15)

11. What critique of modernity is posed by the postmodern turn? (15)

SECTION C
40 MARKS
Answer any ONE question

12. Compare the epistemology and axiology of the traditional, modern and postmodern worldviews. (40)

13. What impact do traditional, modern and postmodern worldviews have on Christian faith, and how can Christian faith respond to these worldviews? (40)

14. Critically discuss Wiredu’s argument on the differences between the Akan and the Western Christian concept of God? (40)

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