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PHIL304 P1: AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. This paper consists of 1 page.
2. Answer ONE question from EACH Section.
3. All questions carry equal value.
4. You must read and understand each question before attempting to answer it.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED, IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS, TO WRITE LEGIBLY.

SECTION A - 100 MARKS
Answer ONE question from this section

1. Is Hume a racist? Argue in support of your answer.

2. Does Andrew Valls’ defence of Hume succeed? Argue in support of your answer.

SECTION B - 100 MARKS
Answer ONE question from this section

3. Relying on any of these thinkers (Mudimbe, Hountondji, Appiah, Wiredu, Gbadegesin, and Masolo), outline in detailed argument what the task of African philosophy is.

4. In your view can ethnophilosophy be rehabilitated? Provide clear reasons for your position.

SECTION C - 100 MARKS
Answer ONE question from this section

5. In the light of numerous criticisms, does consensual democracy hold any hope for a new polity for Africa? Clearly spell out reasons for your position.

6. Kwasi Wiredu claims that consensual democracy is essentially a non-party polity. In your view is that characterisation convincing? Clearly spell out the strengths or weaknesses of Wiredu’s non-party polity.

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