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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please answer all the questions in all three sections.
2. Number your answers correctly.
3. Please write neatly and legibly.

SECTION 1: History of Metaphysics

1. What is the subject-matter of traditional metaphysics? Refer to the three theses of the subject-matter of what was called metaphysics until the seventeenth century. (10)

2. Distinguish between traditional and modern metaphysics. (5)

3. How does Kant's concept of metaphysics fit in the history of metaphysics? (5)

SECTION 2: Kantian Metaphysics

4. How does Kant define metaphysics and what is the goal of Kantian metaphysics as set out in the Critique of Pure Reason? (5)

5. What are synthetic a priori judgments? Give an illustration of such judgments and say why they are import for Kant's metaphysics. (10)

6. Kant identifies two major sources of knowledge: sensibility and understanding. Explain briefly their relation and functions. (10)

7. What is the difference between empirical and pure intuitions? (5)

8. Pure sensibility consists of a sense of space and time. Explain by using examples. (15)

9. Pure understanding is based on judgments and categories. Kant demonstrates this in his (a) metaphysical deduction, and (b) transcendental deduction. Explain. (15)

SECTION 3: Kant and African Metaphysics

10. What is Mabogo More's critique of Kant's view of rationality? (5)

11. Discuss in extensive detail Safro Kwame's concept of quasi-materialism. Briefly indicate what connection you see between his concept of mind and Kant's concept of mind? *Your discussion should be at least one written page in length.* (15)