

**UNIT 2: METAPHYSICS TEST****(ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark value = \_\_\_\_\_ / 20 marks (categories: knowledge, thinking, and application)

**Instructions:** Select two questions from each section, for a total of six questions (3 marks each). Use appropriate terminology and offer examples (e.g., thinkers, cases) to round out your answers. Communication: 2 marks for neatness and coherence of answers. Spelling does not count.

**Knowledge:**

1. What is ontology? Provide examples.
2. Offer a brief interpretation of Plato's "Allegory of the Cave."
3. Describe the principles behind Taoism.
4. What are some of the different explanations given for the meaning of life?

**Thinking:**

5. Explain the Turing test, and discuss its significance for artificial intelligence. Provide examples.
6. Briefly explain the difference between Descartes and Spinoza on the question of substance.
7. Weigh two arguments for the existence of God with some arguments against the existence of God.
8. Discuss the problems of evil, free will and predestination, in relation to different positions on the existence of God.

**Application:**

9. In what ways is the human brain like or unlike a computer? Discuss several different theories.
10. Briefly discuss Buddhist beliefs about metaphysics and ethics.
11. In what ways is ethics related to metaphysics?
12. Referring to the readings on gender and identity (Butler, Brizendine, etc.), discuss the nature-versus-nurture argument in relation to metaphysics (ontology).

