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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 900: APPLIED ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE, LIFE SCIENCES AND BUSINESS PRACTICE

STREAMS: PhD (Y1S1)

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 09/7/2021

2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

1. (a) Ethics is the study of how people 'ought' to behave, independent of the actual facts of how they behave. If the field of ethics is independent of facts, how can there ever be any progress or agreement regarding its conclusion. [15 marks]
- (b) Covid-19 pandemic has posed challenges to some ethical norms in the field of healthcare. Articulate your own views on this assertion and generate a reasonable argument defending your views. [15 marks]
2. Critically, explain three features of utilitarian ethics that make it an appealing ethical theory for moral decisions in business and non-business organizations. [20 marks]
3. Decisions in business practice are motivated by self-interest rather than ethical considerations. Agree or disagree with this assertion and show the pros and cons of self-interest as the motivating factor in decision making. [20 marks]
4. State and explain two relevant criticisms of utilitarian theory and two relevant criticisms of Kantian categorical imperative [20 marks]
5. Explain what John Stuart Mill understands as the notion of Justice and how his understanding applies in healthcare practice or in human research. [20 marks]