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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MASTER  
OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NUMS 824: CONCEPTS OF ADVANCED PRACTICE IN NURSING

STREAMS: NUMS

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 05/12/2017

2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Do not write anything on the question paper
- Mobile phones and any other reference material are NOT allowed in the examination room.
- The paper has five questions. Answer question ONE and any two other questions
- Number ALL your answers and indicate the order of appearance in the space provided in the cover page of the examination answer booklet.

1. Nursing has evolved into profession that continually evaluates and applies nursing research findings:
  - (a) Describe the features of a profession that are specific to nursing. [6 marks]
  - (b) State any five (5) characteristics of the nursing practice. [5 marks]
  - (c) Explain the importance of a healthy work environment to the advanced nurse practice. [6 marks]
  - (d) Advocacy is a fundamental aspect of nursing practice. Explain any two (2) key issues that require advocacy by nurses in Kenya. [4 marks]
  - (e) Explain the basic quality control methods applied in nursing practice. [5 marks]
  - (f) Explain the importance of regulation in the professional nursing practice. [4 marks]
2. Discuss the importance of scholarship to the advanced role of nursing. [20 marks]
3. Nursing is both an art and science. With relevant examples discuss this statement. [20 marks]

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4. Effective communication leads to effective teams in the healthcare facilities:
- (a) Explain 4 characteristics of effective communication in healthcare practice. [8 marks]
  - (b) State the benefits of effective communication to the following:
    - (i) The healthcare consumer. [4 marks]
    - (ii) The health facility [4 marks]
    - (iii) The healthcare provider [4 marks]
5. In the context of the nursing process, compare and contrast the roles and competencies of advanced practice nurses with those of general nurses. [20 marks]
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