

CHUKA UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
HEALTH RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

NULM 811: HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND LAW

STREAMS: MSC NURSING

DATE: MARCH 2021

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **There are two sections in this paper.**
- **Answer 5 (five) questions total.**
- **Answer questions 1 and 2 from SECTION A and any 3 questions from SECTION B**
- **Start every question on a new page**

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a. State the principles of ethics (5 Marks)
- b. Distinguish between Public and Private law (5 Marks)
- c. Distinguish between Ethics and Etiquette (5 Marks)
- d. Discuss the various elements of tort (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO case study (20 MARKS)

A 75year old lady is suffering from paraplegia (paralysis of the lower half of her body) for the last 5 years. She is bedridden and dependent on her family for daily living. She is brought to the hospital with extreme difficulty in breathing and is put on a respirator. After a week, her husband requests her physician to withdraw the ventilator and let nature take its course. Her son opposes this as in his opinion his mother's life should be saved.

- a. Discuss the ethical dilemma involved (10 Marks)
- b. Discuss how you would resolve the ethical dilemma; giving reasons (10 Marks)

SECTION B: Choose any 3 (Three) questions from this section

QUESTION THREE (10 MARKS)

With the aid of examples, discuss the forms of ethical theories and their application in nursing practice (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (10 MARKS)

Discuss the Political and Economic aspects of Health Care Delivery (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (10 MARKS)

With the aid of examples, differentiate medical malpractice from negligence (10 Marks)

QUESTION SIX (10 MARKS)

As a practicing nurse, discuss circumstances under which patient's information can be disclosed (10 Marks)