



### UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN HUMAN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

**HNDS 0392: LEGAL ASPECTS**

**STREAMS: Y3S1**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 18/12/2024**

**2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M**

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer **ALL** questions
- Do not write anything on the question paper
- No reference materials are allowed in the examination room
- **No** use of mobile phones or any other unauthorized materials
- Write your answers legibly and use your time wisely

### **SECTION A: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (30 MARKS)**

1. Explain the significance of law in nutrition and dietetics practice. (2 marks)
2. Explain three sources of law in Kenya. (6 marks)
3. Outline the organization of the judiciary in Kenya, focusing on the court hierarchy. (5 marks)
4. Using suitable examples, differentiate between criminal law and contract law. (4 marks)
5. Outline three key functions performed by the legislative branch of the Kenyan government (3 marks)
6. State the essential elements of a valid contract. (4 marks)
7. Explain the meaning of 'patent' in nutrition. (2 marks)
8. Discuss the basic rules involved in selling of dietary supplements. (4 marks)

### **SECTION C: LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)**

1. Tort law is a fundamental aspect of legal knowledge for nutrition and dietetics professionals.
  - a) Explain the relevance of tort law to nutrition and dietetics practice. (4 marks)
  - b) Describe three (3) types of torts that could occur in dietetics practice (6 marks)
  - c) Explain five (5) possible defenses against tort claims that a dietitian might use.

(10 marks)

2. Legal and ethical considerations are paramount in the practice of nutrition and dietetics.
- a) Discuss the relationship between law and ethics in the context of nutrition and dietetics practice. (5 marks)
  - b) Describe five (5) legal and ethical issues that nutritionists and dietitians may encounter in their practice, and suggest how these could be addressed. (15 marks)
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