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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NULM 811 HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND LAW

STREAMS:

TIME:3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 13/04/2023

2.30 P.M. –5.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

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

SECTION A

Question 1 (20 Marks)

- a. Differentiate public law from private law (5 Marks)
- b. As a practising nurse, State at least 5 laws and policies that would guide you in your practise (5 Marks)
- c. Discuss the elements of tort (5 Marks)
- d. You are practising nurse in charge of a ward, a patient insists on carrying her health records home with her and argues it's her records as she has paid for them, discuss how you would handle this issue (5 Marks)

Question 2 Case Study (10 Marks)

- Fifteen-year-old boy with Down's syndrome admitted with weakness of limbs (atlanto-axial subluxation)
- In hospital for 2 months; quadriplegic; ventilator dependent but not brain dead

- From large, financially interdependent joint family in small town; family has sold car and plot of land for expenses; brother has lost his job
- Family obtains fatwa (opinion of a Muslim scholar) to disconnect patient from ventilator so they can take him home

Will you disconnect the patient? Discuss and give reasons for your action (10 Marks).

SECTION B: Answer question 3 (Three) and any other 2 (two) questions from this section

Question 3

As a practising nurse, discuss and give highlights of the Tuskegee study in relation to the principles of ethics (10 Marks)

Question 4

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

Question 5

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

Question 6

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