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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
HEALTH RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

**HRIM 361 LEGAL ASPECTS OF HEALTH RECORDS AND INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT**

STREAMS: BSC HIRM Y3S1

DATE: APRIL 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

SECTION A

Question 1 (20 Marks)

- a. State at least 5 legal issues in the management of Health Records (5 Marks)
- b. Describe the process of initiating a patients record (5 Marks)
- c. Differentiate public law from private law (5 Marks)
- d. You are the Health Records and Information officer in charge of a health facility, 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 (20 Marks)

- a. As a Health Records and Information Officer, discuss how you would enhance the security of electronic records (5 Marks)
- b. Discuss the ethical principal of autonomy in relation to informed consent (5 Marks)
- c. State the health records that are considered Special records by the law (5 Marks)
- d. As a Health Information Officer, discuss "right to information" in light of professional ethics (5 Marks)

SECTION B: Answer question 3 (Three) and any other 1 (one) question from this section

Question 3

As a Health Records and Information officer in charge of a Hospital; an employer approaches you and wants to know the nature of illness of his employee who had sought treatment from your hospital the previous week. Discuss how you would respond to this enquiry (15 Marks)

Question 4

You are a Health Records and Information officer in charge of a Hospital that has a manual Health Information System; you have a filing area that is overflowing with records some very old and due for disposal, discuss how you would go about disposing the records that are due for disposal (15 Marks)

Question 5

As a Health Records and Information officer; Discuss the importance of proper documentation of patient's records (15 Marks)