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**Faculty of Health Sciences**

**Department of Nursing Sciences**

**2024\_2 EXAMINATION**

**Programme: Bachelor of Nursing Science**

**Course Code: NSC310**

**Course Title: Nursing Ethics and Jurisprudence**

**Course Credit Units: 3 Units**

**Time Allowed: 2 Hours**

**Total Score: 70 Marks**

**Instruction: Answer All the Questions**

**Question 1**

1. The aim of ethics is that they guide nurses to provide quality and effective client care.
  - a. Define ethics (2 marks)
  - b. Explain the 2 (two) main types of ethics governing an individual's life in a society (6 marks)
  - c. Outline any 7 (seven) purposes of professional codes of ethics (3.5 marks)
  - d. Briefly discuss any 2 (two) principal elements of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) code of ethical conduct (6 marks)

**Question 2**

2. Section 17 (3) (c) of the 1999 constitution of the federal republic of Nigeria as amended in 2011 stated that "the health, safety and welfare of all persons in employment are safeguarded and not endangered or abused".
  - a. Define health according the World Health Organization (2 marks)
  - b. State any three (3) international legal instruments where "right to health" (health as a human right) has been outlined (6 marks)
  - c. Outline the four (4) steps to be taken by State Parties to the present Covenant (International Covenant of Economic and Social Rights) to achieve the full realization of the right (8 marks)
  - d. Which section of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended) provides that international treaties have the force of law by the National Assembly (1.5 marks)

### Question 3

3. Negligence is a misconduct or practice that is below the standard expected of an ordinary, reasonable, and prudent practitioner or a careless or heedless conduct which falls below the standard established by law.
  - a. Discuss the following legal doctrines related to negligence (10 marks);
    - i. *Respondeat superior*
    - ii. *Res Ipsa loquitur*
  - b. Explain any 3 defences that can be given in cases of negligence (7.5 marks)

### Question 4

4. Chally and Loriz model have been applied in resolving ethical decision dilemma.
  - a. List and describe the six (6) steps in the Chally and Loriz model of ethical decision-making process (12 marks)
  - b. Apply the first two steps of Chally and Loriz's model in resolving the following ethical problem (5.5 marks);

“Mrs Kwabena is a 46 years old post myomectomy client on 8hourly intramuscular genticine 80mg and 6 hourly/PRN pentazocine 2mls. During your take over round. Mrs Kwabena complained she had her afternoon injection which your colleague Nurse Pi who is handing over to you instantly claimed she had given, Incidentally Mrs Kwabena had complained of pain earlier on and was given an injection maintained that she received only one injection and not two. To avoid any further argument and or embarrassment, Mrs Kwabena was told Nurse Pi will come back to clarify the issue with her after handing over. Being an ethical nurse, you decided not to ignore this complaint of Mrs Kwabena but to pursue the matter to establish the truth and decide on an appropriate action.”