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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOETHICS
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION APRIL 2024

UNIT CODE: MBE 711 **UNIT NAME:** PHILOSOPHY AND BIOETHICS

DATE: April 2024

TIME: Three Hours

Start: 16:30 Hours

Finish 19:30 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 70 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections

Section A: Compulsory Question (30marks)

Section B: Long Answer Questions (40 marks)

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTIONS (30Marks)

Answer ALL Questions in this Section

QUESTION ONE

- a) Describe moral dilemma. Give a relevant example (5 marks)
- b) Outline two claims of environmental ethics (6 marks)
- c) Briefly explain three contemporary theories of ethics (6 marks)
- d) Outline four claims of philosophy and bioethics/ points of interaction (8 marks)
- e) Explain the role of philosophy in bioethics (5 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (40Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Discuss the confluence between the principle of beneficence and a relevant theory of wellbeing (10 marks).
- b) A healthcare professional at your facility was recently accused of unilaterally deciding on the best strategy for treating their patients by omitting clinical information or refusing to provide it out of date. Discuss the ethical and legal implications of this to the facility and the professional (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss how virtue ethics influences the role formation of healthcare professionals (10 marks)
- b) Analyze the merits of applying casuist rules in addressing a relevant case in your professional context (10 marks).

QUESTION FOUR

- a) In your view, to what extent does the claim that the moral philosophers ought to retain a central role in bioethical inquiry ring true? (10 marks).
- b) Discuss how recent philosophical debates have affected the understanding of death and associated normative issues (10 marks).

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