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**UNIT CODE:** HMD 136 & CHP 126

**UNIT NAME:** Culture and Ethics

**DATE:** APRIL 2024

**TIME:** TWO Hours

**Start:**

**Finish**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This exam is marked out of 70 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections  
**Section A:** Compulsory Question (30 marks)  
**Section B:** Long Answer Questions (70 marks)

**SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30 Marks)**

**Short Answer Questions**

1. Explain the differences between the following terms (10 marks)
  - a) Customs and laws (2 marks)
  - b) Medical ethics and research ethics (2 marks)
  - c) Autonomy and justice (2 marks)
  - d) Moral realism and moral anti-realism (2 marks)
  - e) Cultural relativism and ethical nihilism
2. Outline two strengths and three weaknesses of cultural relativism (5 marks)
3. Outline the three aspects of prudence (3 marks)

4. Indicate whether the following normative principles in applied ethics fall under consequentialist or duty-based approaches (5 marks).

- a) Personal benefit \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Benevolence \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Paternalism \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Social benefit \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Non-maleficence \_\_\_\_\_

5. State two examples of social morality issues (2 marks)

6. Outline five examples of activities that contribute to the common good (5 marks)

## SECTION B

ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS (40 Marks)

### Long Answer Questions

7. Prima facie duties

- a) Define the term prima facie duties (2 marks)
- b) Describe five prima facie duties outlined by Sir William David Ross (10 marks)
- c) Susan is a social worker at a mental health center, where she provides counseling to adolescents and young people. During one of her counseling sessions, a young man named John confessed to a violent robbery he committed at an Mpesa shop, which unfortunately resulted in the death of the attendant. John expressed his distress regarding his actions and the need for support services to help him cope with his distress and change his behavior.
  - i. Discuss the two conflicting duties. (4 marks)
  - ii. Explain which of the two duties is the prima facie duty and justify your answer. (4 marks)

8. In 2009, Nestlé submitted patent applications related to molecules extracted from fennel flower plant seeds or other plants that could potentially be used to treat or prevent food allergies. Additionally, they asserted that the use of *Nigella sativa* as a stomach soother to prevent food allergies was their invention. However, *Nigella sativa* is a centuries-old food and medicinal crop that has been traditionally used for treating digestive ailments and is documented in traditional medicinal texts like Ayurveda. Despite Nestlé's efforts, the patent application was ultimately denied.

- a) Discuss the legal, economic, scientific, and ethical implications of patenting *Nigella sativa* (12 marks).
- b) Analyze the link between traditional knowledge, intellectual property rights and biodiversity (8 marks)

9. A tourist was traveling through a national park when she witnessed a car in front of her runoff the road and roll over several times. She asked the hired driver to pull over to assist, but, to her surprise, the driver accelerated nervously past the scene. A few kilometers down the road the driver explained that in his country if someone assists an accident victim, the police often hold the assisting person responsible for the accident itself. If the victim dies, then the assisting person could be held responsible for the death.

- a) Define the term consequentialism (2 marks)
- b) Discuss the three sub-divisions of consequentialism (6 marks)
- c) Discuss the actions that the above woman should undertake in relation to the three sub-divisions of consequentialism (6 marks)
- d) Explain the difference between act and rule utilitarianism (6 marks)

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