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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOETHICS
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

JAN-APRIL 2025

UNIT CODE: MBE 713 **UNIT NAME:** LAW AND BIOETHICS

DATE: 22ND April, 2025

TIME: Three Hours **Start:** 5:30 PM **Finish:** 8: 30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 100 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections
Section A: Compulsory Question (25 marks)
Section B: Long Answer Questions (75 marks)

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (25 Marks)

Short Answer Questions

1. Explain the nexus between international human rights instruments and public health law in Kenya (5 marks).
2. Discuss whether the principles of bioethics are relative (5 marks).
3. Elaborate the significance of paradigm legal cases to the development of bioethics in your country. Give a relevant example (5 marks).

4. Expound on three issues addressed by African bioethics (6 marks).
5. Discuss the rationale for embryonic cloning (4 marks).

SECTION B: LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

6. Analyze the ethical and legal implications of abortion referencing the following:
 - a) The principle of autonomy (15 marks)
 - b) Article 26 (4) of the constitution of Kenya (2010), which states: Abortion is not permitted unless, in the opinion of a trained health professional, there is need for emergency treatment, or the life or the health of the mother is in danger, or if permitted by any other written law (10 marks).
7. Suppose you are the CEO of a facility that provides curative and non-curative interventions. Discuss your responsibility in the light of stewardship of scarce resources (25 marks).
8. Evaluate the significance of human rights principles to your uptake of MBE713: Law and Bioethics unit (25 marks).
9. Imagine yourself the chair of a hospital committee. New evangelical parents insist on circumcising their new baby boy on his eighth birthday according to Leviticus 12:3. Three medical doctors at the facility cannot agree whether to approve the circumcision. What should you do? Reference Hippocratic Oath and a relevant ethical perspective (25 marks).