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UNIT CODE: MBE 712

TITLE: HUMAN RIGHTS, GENDER, AND BIOETHICS

TIME:

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. a. Define the concept of health as a human right (2 marks)
b. Explain the relevance of (a) above to healthcare delivery in Africa (2 marks).
2. Describe three applications of three principles of human rights to public health practice (6 marks).
3. Explain three ways in which gender as a social construct influences health-seeking behavior in African societies (3marks).
4. Describe the role of culture and tradition in shaping women's access to healthcare (3 marks).
5. Explain two examples of gender-related human rights violations in healthcare settings (6 marks).
6. Explain the relationship between patient autonomy and human rights in clinical settings (3 marks).

SECTION B

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

7. A. Analyze the relationship between human rights and healthcare in Africa (15 marks).
B. Discuss five ways in which historical injustices have shaped access to health services in Africa. (10 marks)
8. A. Discuss five ways in which gender inequality impacts access to health (15 marks)
B. Describe interventions that can promote equity in healthcare systems. (10 marks)
9. Referencing relevant international conventions, discuss the four legal and four ethical bases for recognizing health as a fundamental human right (25 marks).
10. Discuss three ways each in which cultural and religious beliefs influence gender roles in healthcare ethical decision-making. (25 marks)