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UNIT CODE: HSR 710: Discourse, Policies and Rights Relating to Abortion

DATE: XX December 2025

TIME: Three Hours **Start:** XX Hours **Finish** XX Hours

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 60 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections
Section A: Compulsory Question (15 marks)
Section B: Long Answer Questions (45 marks)

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (15 Marks)

Short Answer Questions

1. Define abortion governance and explain how it shapes the relationship between law, policy, and clinical practice. (5 marks)
2. Discuss two key recommendations of the WHO Abortion Care Guidelines (2022) on removing legal and policy barriers to abortion and explain why these are essential for equity in access. (5 marks)
3. Describe how self-care interventions can contribute to reducing the risks associated with unsafe abortion practices in contexts where access to public health services is restricted. (5 marks)

SECTION B

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (45 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

1. Choose a court decision (national or regional) that influenced abortion access in Africa between 2015–2025. Discuss the court’s reasoning and its implications for reproductive-rights advocacy. (15 marks)
2. a) Compare the experiences of Kenya and Ethiopia in advancing legal frameworks to promote access to safe abortion.
b) Discuss how these law and policy choices have influenced equitable access to services. (15 marks)
3. Explain abortion stigma and discuss how it intersects with characteristics such as race, social class, gender, and age to shape equitable access to safe abortion. (15 marks)
4. Countries such as Malawi do not have a law or policy regulating conscientious objection to abortion. Advise the Government of Malawi on whether it should adopt a clear legal or policy framework on conscientious objection. Justify your recommendation. (15 marks)
5. Analyse how religious discourse influences abortion law reform in Africa and suggest strategies for civil society to engage religious leaders in promoting reproductive justice narratives. (15 marks)

