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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOETHICS
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UNIT CODE: MBE 716

TITLE: CLINICAL ETHICS

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. Define clinical ethics (3 marks)
2. Explain three roles of clinical ethics in guiding healthcare decision-making. (6 marks)
3. Differentiate between informed consent and implied consent, providing one example of each. (6 marks)
4. Discuss two ways in which the principle of autonomy can conflict with beneficence in clinical practice. (5 marks)
5. Outline ethical considerations when disclosing a medical error to a patient. (5 marks)

SECTION B

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

6. CASE VIGNETTE:

A 72-year-old patient with advanced heart failure refuses life-saving surgery, citing personal beliefs. The attending physician feels ethically compelled to intervene.

a) Discuss three ethical principles in conflict (15 marks)

b) Discuss ways in which the healthcare team balances each of the principles in conflict in this case (10 marks)

7.a. Discuss three ethical and two legal implications of obtaining consent from minors in clinical settings (15 marks)

b. Discuss two examples where assent and parental consent might both be required in a minor's age. (10 marks)

8. Using two practical examples, discuss how cultural and religious beliefs can shape ethical decision-making in end-of-life care. (25 marks)

9. a. Using two relevant ethical theories to justify your position, examine the ethical considerations surrounding truth-telling (10 marks).

b. Using three relevant ethical theories, examine the ethical considerations surrounding withholding information from terminally ill patients. (15 marks)

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