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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MBE 711: BIOETHICS

DATE: xxxxxxxx, 2026

TIME: 3 Hours

Start: 5.00pm

Finish: 8.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 100 marks
2. The first question is compulsory
3. Answer an additional three (3) questions from the other five (5)
4. The exam shall take 3 hours
5. Answer question 1 and any of three questions 2 to 6

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION ONE

1. You are asked to advise the minister of health of a country with limited resources. Describe and justify your ethical considerations for setting budgetary proportions for prioritising Covid interventions in the 5 counties with the following characteristics;
 - Oldest population: (5 marks)
 - Highest Covid prevalence: (5 marks)
 - With international airport: (5 marks)
 - Marginalized and least developed: (5 marks)
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SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

2. Consider the ethical issues of the various parties in the following case study:

At seven months old, David Peter Reimer's penis was accidentally maimed during a routine circumcision. Dr. John Money, a psychologist studying the idea that gender is learned, convinced the Reimer family that their son was now more likely to reach a successful sexual maturation if he were sexually reassigned as female. Over the years, Dr. Money continued to report that the reassignment had been nothing but successful, though he apparently failed to consult David. Before he committed suicide at the age of 38, David insisted that he had never identified as female, and described a childhood during which he was teased, cruelly ostracized by his peers, and was extremely depressed.

3. One of the top ten tax paying company has been accused of respiratory related industrial pollution. Discuss the primary, secondary and tertiary interventions in considering the following ethical tensions;
 - Individual versus community (5 marks)
 - Short versus long term (5 marks)
 - Rights versus responsibility (5 marks)
 - Economic benefit versus health (5 marks)
4. Describe the ethical considerations of a drug trial in multigenerational households
 - Design (5 marks)
 - Sampling (5 marks)
 - Data management (5 marks)
 - Consent (5 marks)
5. Plan ethical strategies **of, in and for** as well as **critical** public health interventions concerning a community that practices marrying off their 12-16 year-old girls soon after puberty..

6. In the following case study, identify the dilemma, ethically resolve it and advice the doctors accordingly.

South Africa has a dire shortage of organ donors with waiting list of 181 days. Doctors thus have a struggle to find suitable donor organs for critically ill patients who would die without receiving a transplant accordingly. A 7-year-old HIV negative boy desperately needs a kidney transplant and without it the prognosis indicates he only has a few days to live. Despite understanding the transmission risk, his 45 year-old HIV positive mother has offered to be the donor of her only child to save his life. It is against the hospital's policy to accept an HIV positive organ donor.

