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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOETHICS
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UNIT CODE: MBE 711 **UNIT NAME** PHILOSOPHY AND BIOETHICS
DATE: 7th April, 2026
TIME: **Three Hours** **Start:** 5:00 PM **Finish** 8: 00 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 role of philosophy in bioethics. (5 marks)
2. Distinguish between an ethical dilemma and a difficult ethical situation. (5 marks)
3. Explain the concept of Principlism and state one limitation of Principlism. (5 marks)
4. Highlight five ways in which culture influences ethical decision-making. (5 marks)
5. Explain the importance of moral reasoning in bioethics. (5 marks)

SECTION B (Set 5 Questions)

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

6. Analyze five roles of philosophical theories in shaping contemporary bioethics. (25 marks)
7. Compare virtue ethics and deontology in ethical decision-making. (25 marks)
8. Discuss the three strengths and two weaknesses of Principlism in diverse cultural contexts. (25 marks)
9. Formulate one sliding slope argument using one of these themes: abortion, euthanasia, gene editing. (25 marks)
10. Evaluate the role of journalism or arts in highlighting ethical issues in society. (25 marks)

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