

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MIDWIFERY**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2005**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF  
MIDWIFERY**

**COURSE CODE** : **MID 104**

**TIME ALLOWED** : **TWO (2) HOURS**

**TOTAL MARKS** : **75**

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**  
**2. BEGIN EVERY NEW QUESTION ON A NEW  
PAGE.**

**THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS  
BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

## QUESTION 1

In Swaziland, most of the screening tests are not conducted antenatally, including, the determination of the rhesus (RH) factor.

Describe the potential problems of omitting the RH screening test under the following headings

1.1.1. the woman (3)

1.1.2 the health care institution (2)

1.2 Discuss five ethical concerns raised about routine screening of pregnant women as opposed to screening of selected cases (5)

1.3 Discuss how you would advocate for midwifery clients to have access to important screening tests in the country (10)

TOTAL 20

## QUESTION 2

2.1 In practice, a qualified midwife is expected to perform professional roles.

Discuss the following roles of a midwife

2.1.1 Educator (5)

2.1.2 Clinician (5)

2.1.3 Researcher (5)

2.1.4 Manager/Supervisor (5)

TOTAL 20

**QUESTION 3**

3.1 Describe the requirements for obtaining consent for surgery in pregnancy and state a rationale for each requirement (20)

**QUESTION 4**

4.1 Leana, a 33 year old primigravida gave birth to a baby girl whose apgar score was 4\10. The baby was rushed to the intensive care unit immediately after birth. The immediate separation of Leana and her baby was against Leana's expectations.

4.1.1 Describe a midwife's management of the situation to minimize the impact on the mother (10)

4.2 Briefly describe the professional relationship of midwives and their clients (women) (5)

Total 15 marks

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