

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION - MAY 2005**

**COURSE CODE :** NUR 204  
**COURSE TITLE:** ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 3 HOURS  
**MARKS ALLOCATED:** 100

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- 2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS**
- 3. ONE MARK FOR EACH CORRECT FACT  
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

**QUESTION 1.**

a) Differentiate between passive and active euthanasia. (5)

b) A sixty year old man has a heart attack and is admitted to the medical ward with a poor prognosis. He asks that you not share any of his medical information with his wife as he does not think she will be able to take it. His wife catches you in the hall and asks about her husband's prognosis.

i. Would you tell his wife? Motivate your answer.

ii. What are you required to do legally?

(10)

c) The trend in nursing in recent years is to involve the patient in decision making. Describe the steps in Bandman and Bandman's nurse – patient decision making process. (10)

**TOTAL MARKS [25]**

**QUESTION 2**

a) Describe the nature and scope of ethics under the following:

i. Descriptive study of morality. (5)

ii. Analytic or meta – ethics (5)

iii. Normative ethics (5)

iv) Utilitarianism ethics (5)

v) Deontology (5)

**TOTAL [25]**

**QUESTION 3**

a) Describe the functions of a professional organization. (7)

b) Traditionally nurses light a lamp and take a pledge of service on their entry into professional ranks. Discuss the symbolism of the nurses' lamp. (10)

c). Explain the regulatory activities of the Swaziland Nursing Council in nursing education. (8)

**TOTAL MARKS [25]**

**QUESTION 4**

a) Discuss ethical implications for nursing practice under the following concepts:

- i. Beneficence (5)
- ii. Justice (5)
- iii. Veracity (5)
- iv. Respect of person (5)
- v. Value of life (5)

**TOTAL MARKS [25]**