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(MID 104) ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY)

Question 1

1.1. Imagine that you are the midwife supervisor in a maternity unit. One of your primary objectives in the unit is to ensure efficient record keeping

1.1.1 Outline five steps you would take to ensure efficient record keeping by the unit staff (5)

1.1.2 Discuss benefits of good record keeping in a health care facility (7)

1.2 Mana is 3/40 gestation. She has come to your clinic for the first assessment of her pregnancy.

1.2.1 Describe how you would apply **women centered care** as you manage Mana throughout her pregnancy (13)

(25 marks)

Question 2

2.1 Annie, a 21 year old female, gravida 2, Para 1, 24/40 gestation. Her height is 1.48m. She delivered her first baby by assisted forceps delivery. She expresses that she was greatly dissatisfied with the care she received with her last delivery, she requests you to deliver her baby at home.

2.1.2 Discuss **ethical elements** to be considered before a decision can be made about Annie's request (16)

2.1.2 Outline the Steps you would go through in assisting Anne to come up with a good decision (9)

(25 marks)

Question 3

3.1 Different situations present ethical dilemma's for midwives in their practice. Recently, the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV has been introduced. Imagine that you are the Midwife working in the Maternity unit at Mbabane Government Hospital and you admit a woman in labor who is aware of her positive HIV status

3.1.1 Discuss how you would manage this women, ensuring that her rights are respected. (10)

3.2 About 7-10% of Midwifery clientele are those with special needs. As a midwife you are likely to come across women with special needs during pregnancy and childbirth.

3.2.1 discuss the special care needs for women in the following conditions

3.2.1.1 Woman who has delivered a still born baby (bereaved mother) (5)

3.2.1.2 Woman carrying precious baby or a women whose babies have died and has high hopes for the present pregnancy (5)

3.2.1.3 Woman with Severely Handicapped Child (5)

(25 marks)

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