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TITLE OF PAPER : **NURSING ETHOS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH**

COURSE CODE : **NUR 314**

DURATION : **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS : **1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**
2. TOTAL MARKS FOR THE EXAMINATION IS 75.

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QUESTION 1

Discuss the concept of behaviour control in the care of the mentally ill, the various approaches used and the criticisms that have been levelled against these approaches by ethicists.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 2

Maviyo, a 50 year old man was admitted after having swallowed a weevil tablet which was fortunately removed from his system before causing much damage. He is now recovering and his family is happy that he was saved. However, Maviyo is very angry with the nurses for having saved his life. He tells the nurses it is his life and he can do whatever he wants with it.

Using ethical theories and principles, how would you deal with Maviyo's case.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Nkosikhona, a five year old, sustained second and third degree burns to his right leg after falling into an open fire in his grandmother's kitchen during an epileptic fit. The parents refuse sending him to hospital for treatment of the burns and the epilepsy because their religion prohibits the taking of any medication and relies on the use of prayer. The nurse working in the clinic where Nkosikhona lives hears of this matter and fails to convince the parents. She then reports the case to the Ministry of Health and a court order is obtained to forcefully remove Nkosikhona from the parents and take him to hospital.

What ethical issues are inherent in this scenario?

[20 marks]