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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2007

TITLE : ETHICAL ISSUES, DILEMMAS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

COURSE : NUR 451

DURATION : TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS : 60

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
 - 2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20 MARKS**
 - 3. NO PAPER SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO NOR OUT OF THE EXAMINATION ROOM**
 - 4. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER**

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Question 1

“Informed consent” is considered to be the cornerstone of modern-day health care practice. Discuss the ethical principles involved in “informed consent” . (20)

TOTAL = 20

Question 2

Nurses in Swaziland have frequently engaged in industrial action (work strikes) to force employers to meet their demands. As an essential service, what are the nurses obligations to the profession and the patients at times when a strike action is embarked upon? (20)

TOTAL = 20

Question 3

Freddy, a 35-year old accountant in a prestigious accounting firm has been to your clinic for voluntary counseling and testing. As his counselor you are aware of his HIV status and you have been encouraging him to inform his wife of 2 years about his results, which he has refused to do. What ethical obligations do you, as a nurse, have toward Freddy and towards his wife? (20)

TOTAL = 20

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