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Course code	NUR 506
Course title	Ethics and professional practice
Duration	Two (2) hours
Total marks	70
No. of students	Not known
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**Instructions:**

1. Answer ALL questions.
2. Hand writing must be legible.
3. Read all questions carefully and thoughtfully.
4. Figures in brackets represent the number of marks allocated per question or a part thereof.

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Question 1

While most people continue to label nurses as money mongers, there are organisational and social constraints that have caused nurses to resign from practice and seek work in other countries.

- 1.1 Describe any six reasons why nurses have left Swaziland for outside countries. (12)
- 1.2 Professionally speaking, are nurses justified to behave in this manner? (1) Motivate your answer. (2)

[15 points]

Question 2

The right of a patient to refuse treatment remains a grey area in the practice of nursing.

- 2.1 Define the term right. (2)
- 2.2 Briefly outline why refusal to take treatment by a client is a grey area in nursing. (3)
- 2.3 Describe any five rights of patients. (10)

[15 points]

Question 3

A 60 year grandmother is the primary caregiver to her three grandchildren whose parents died of AIDS about five years ago. The eldest child is a girl now aged 16 years and has mild sub-intellectual functioning. She can do simple tasks and does not attend school. She started her periods six months ago. The grandmother brings the girl to the clinic one day so that she can be referred for hysterectomy..

- 3.1 Does Gogo have the right to make her granddaughter undergo that type of surgical intervention? (1) Motivate your answer. (2)
- 3.2 Describe any four human rights of persons with sub-intellectual

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functioning. (8)

3.3 Outline why the works of Rawl is applicable in this situation. (3)

3.4 Describe any three advocacy roles the nurse can play with this family.

(6)

[20 points]

#### Question 4

A married man is admitted for investigations for deteriorating general health. Among the investigations is an HIV test to which he tests positive. His wife helps to look after him. The client is adamant that his wife should not be told about his HIV status. The wife suspects that he might be having AIDS and asks you to confirm.

4.1 Can the nurse divulge the client's HIV status to his wife? (1) Motivate your answer (2)

4.2 Discuss any four ethical issues that are implicated in this situation. (12)

4.3 Identify and outline any five people to whom the nurse has obligations when practising nursing. (5)

[20 points]

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