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**COURSE TITLE:** ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE  
**COURSE CODE:** NUR 506  
**TIME ALLOCATED:** 2 HOURS  
**MARKS ALLOCATED:** 75

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS
2. MARKS ALLOCATED ARE AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION
3. EACH CORRECT STATEMENT OR A FACT WITH A RATIONALE CARRIES ONE MARK (1)
4. WRITE CLEARLY

**THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPEN UNTIL PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE INVILATOR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### QUESTION ONE

a) Define confidentiality (5)

b) Miss Nomsa Mbatha a teenage girl was admitted and treated for diarrhea. She recovered and was ready to go home. During discharge planning she confided in you that she is pregnant and she does not want any one to know. At that time nurse Peggy came in and told you that Nomsa has been nauseated this morning and wonders what it could be. You did not know what to say and Nomsa just stared at you. Your dilemma is due to the conflict between confidentiality and deception.

Discuss how you would deal with this dilemma (10)

c) Discuss accountability under the following headings

- i) Professional accountability (2)
- ii) Legal accountability (2)
- iii) Moral Accountability (2)
- iv) Administrative accountability (2)
- v) Accountability and responsibility (2) (10)

### QUESTION TWO

Compare and contrast two ethical theoretical approaches. (10)

### QUESTION THREE

Discuss the ethical principle "value of life" in relation to

- a) Abortion (5)
- b) Euthanasia (5)
- c) Killing in self defense (5)
- d) War (5)
- e) Suicide (5)

### QUESTION FOUR

a) Discuss the changing face of nursing under the following headings

- i) The nurse as an advocate (5)
- ii) The nurse as an agent of change (5)
- iii) The nurse and professional autonomy (5)

**TOTAL MARKS: (75)**