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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2011

COURSE NAME: ETHOS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN MIDWIFERY

COURSE CODE: MID 104

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 75 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS
- FIGURES IN BRACKETS INDICATE MARKS ALLOCATED TO EACH OR PART OF THE QUESTION
- ANSWER EACH QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE
- THIS PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR

Question 1

A midwife is working in a public health unit, where he offers services to childbearing women including antenatal care. The unit has just commenced a surveillance study that involves obligatory testing of all pregnant women for HIV. A woman comes in for her first ANC visit, and is required to consent to have a blood specimen taken from her by the midwife at the clinic. The woman declines consent to have her blood drawn for the test.

1.1 From an ethical perspective, what should the midwife do in such a circumstance? **(10 marks)**

1.2 Is the woman ethically correct in refusing to consent to be tested for HIV where the unit has made testing mandatory? How so? **(15 marks)**

Question 2

2.1 Discuss the four philosophies governing midwifery partnership. Make examples to illustrate your discussion. **(20 marks)**

2.2 Draw the distinction between legal midwifery practice and ethical midwifery practice and their relationship to professional practice. Illustrate your responses by making examples.

(5 marks)

Question 3

3.1 Compare and contrast the midwifery model of care from the medical model of care. Give examples to demonstrate your responses. **(15 marks)**

3.2 How does the nursing model of care compare to the midwifery model of maternity care. Illustrate your arguments with examples.

(10 marks)