

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**FINAL EXAMINATION**

**DEC 2014**

**COURSE TITLE: ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE  
AND THE LAW**

**COURSE CODE: GNS 209**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**TOTAL MARKS: 75**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. PLEASE READ QUESTIONS  
CAREFULLY**
- 2. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- 3. HAND IN THE SCRIPT AND  
QUESTION PAPER**
- 4. THIS PAPER HAS A TOTAL OF  
THREE PAGES.**

**MARK ALLOCATION: 1 MARK per FACT/CORRECT PHRASE.**

***PLEASE DO NOT OPEN QUESTION PAPER UNTIL PERMISSION IS GRANTED  
BY THE INVIGILATOR.***

## SECTION 1

### QUESTION 1

STATE WHETHER THE FOLLOWING TERMS ARE TRUE OR FALSE. E.g. 2

- 1.1 Members of the medical and nursing professions universally profess to respect and value all life.
- 1.2 Society expects a caring behaviour from health care professionals at all times and under all conditions.
- 1.3 Headlines in the media describe behaviour by members of the nursing profession to be of immoral consciousness.
- 1.4 Nursing as a profession is not necessarily based on caring values, but on treatment of ailments.
- 1.5 Those entering the nursing profession often do realise that that their chosen profession will involve difficult decisions which may call for their own personal convictions.
- 1.6 When a person selects a profession, he/she is always aware of the values of that profession.
- 1.7 Compassion can be easily acquired by skills and techniques, and is not merely more than sympathy and emotional attachment.
- 1.8 The keeping of confidence is one of the fundamental ethical requirements of professional health care.
- 1.9 According to the ethical principle beneficence, health care workers are not supposed to do harm to their clients.
- 1.10 The principle of truth telling is known as veracity.

**(Total 10 Marks)**

**SECTION 2**  
**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

**QUESTION 2**

2.1 Discuss and give relevant examples of five caring behaviours inherent the philosophy of nursing practice. **(5 points each relevant behaviour)**  
**(Total 25 Marks)**

**QUESTION 3**

3.1 Explain the following ethical principles entrenched in the Philosophy of nursing: **(give 3 points for each ethical principle)**

3.1.1 Beneficence/benevolence (3 marks)

3.1.2 Veracity (3 marks)

3.1.3 Justice (3 marks)

3.1.4 Fidelity (3 marks)

**(Total 12 marks)**

3.2 Describe the following practice of law:

3.2.1 Standards of and duty to care. (2 marks)

3.2.2 Documentation and record keeping. (2 marks)

3.2.3 Informed consent. (2 marks)

3.2.4 Confidentially. (2 marks)

**(Total 8 Marks)**

**(Total 20 marks)**

**QUESTION 4**

4.1 Describe the code of professional nursing conduct in Swaziland. (10 Marks)

4.2 Discuss five (5) different types of law. (10 marks)

**(Total 20 Marks)**

**TOTAL = 75 MARKS**