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TITLE OF PAPER:	PROFESSIONALISM AND MANAGEMENT IN MIDWIFERY
COURSE CODE:	MID 445
DURATION:	TWO (2) HOURS
TOTAL MARKS:	75

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- 2. FIGURES IN BRACKETS INDICATE MARKS ALLOCATED TO EACH OR PART OF A QUESTION**
- 3. ANSWER EACH QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE**

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QUESTION 1

Select a single appropriate response from the options provided.

A student midwife is assigned to work with a gynecologist at a local abortion clinic.

Question 1-5 relates to this scenario.

1.1 Identify the code of ethics which supports the student midwife when she refuses to participate in the abortion procedure.

- (a) Midwives may ignore their duties if they are morally unacceptable
- (b) Midwives may choose which procedures to assist the doctor
- (c) Midwives may refuse to participate in activities for which they hold deep moral opposition
- (d) Midwives have a duty to conform to instructions dictated by the doctor

1.2 How is the patient protected when the midwife abides with the decision indicated in 1.1

- (a) The code indicates that clients should not be denied of essential care at all costs
- (b) Health status of the client can determine the choices made by the midwife
- (c) The hospital policy allows doctors to work unassisted if they conduct an abortion
- (d) The rights to safe care must be upheld at all times
- (e) A& D are correct responses

1.3 If the doctor insists that a midwife should participate in the procedure, how should the midwife respond?

- (a) Indicate to the doctor that you are a professional and you will not be instructed by another professional to participate in a procedure that you do not want to do
- (b) She should inform management about her moral decision
- (c) She should tell the doctor that abortion is an illegal practice in Swaziland
- (d) Discuss with him about her moral beliefs and attempt to convince the doctor to reconsider the decision to do the procedure

1.4 Choose one of the following types of relationships that should exist between the doctor and the midwife :

- (a) Collegial
- (b) Utilitarian
- (c) Paternalism
- (d) Deontology

- 1.5 One of the ethical considerations in research is to observe the principle of non-maleficence, this implies that:
- (a) Data obtained from research must be authentic
 - (b) The research should not cause physical and psychological harm to the respondents
 - (c) Participants must be treated equally
 - (d) The research should benefit the participants
- 1.6 If the researcher is conducting human experiments and the participants are excluded from an essential medication, which one of the following ethical principles is violated?
- (a) Confidentiality
 - (b) Non-maleficence
 - (c) Justice
 - (d) Veracity
- 1.7 The researcher realizes that the community where research is conducted has no water supply and installs a borehole to assist the families. Which one of the following ethical principles is observed?
- (a) Justice
 - (b) Fidelity
 - (c) Non-maleficence
 - (d) All the principles are applied
- 1.8 If data collected reveals findings contrary to the objectives of the study, the researcher must be expected to adhere to the -----
- (a) Research rigour
 - (b) Research protocol
 - (c) Research objectives
 - (d) Research theory
- 1.9 Which one of the following behaviours support women-centred care?
- (a) Coercing pregnant women to agree to a treatment plan designed by doctors
 - (b) Designing a routine care plan for all women in the childbearing period
 - (c) Discussing and implementing a care plan that suit individual women
 - (d) None of the above is correct
- 1.10 One of the key midwifery concepts that defines the unique role of midwives in promoting the health of women and childbearing families is:
- (a) Discussing childbearing women with members of a multidisciplinary team
 - (b) A focus on disease management
 - (c) Respect for women as persons with full human rights
 - (d) Promoting male response to reproductive issues

1.11 The International Confederation of Midwives assert that the philosophy of midwifery care is based on the principle that :

- (a) Childbirth is a normal physiological process
- (b) Childbirth is the work of a doctor and midwives
- (c) Women are passive participants in reproductive health
- (d) All of the above is correct

1.12 Identify the scope of midwifery practice among the following responsibilities:

- (a) Provision of reproductive technology
- (b) Managing risk obstetric conditions
- (c) Assisting doctors when conducting operative deliveries
- (d) Providing quality care to women during the reproductive period

1.13 Identify the role of the Swaziland Nursing and Midwifery Council:

- (a) Regulate, control and direct nursing and midwifery education and practice
- (b) Encouraging the public to report malpractices within the midwifery profession
- (c) Educate the public about the role of midwives working in the communities
- (d) Encourage single qualified nurses to enroll in the midwifery profession

1.14 Which of the following options refer to the ability of a client to make cognitive decisions about his health?

- (a) Incompetent
- (b) Competent
- (c) Minor
- (d) Mentally challenged

Mrs Nkomo is sending her teenage daughter to the local midwife for counselling. Questions 1.15-1.20 relates to this scenario

1.15 Which one of the following attributes is required by a professional counselor?

- (a) Discriminatory
- (b) Impartial
- (c) Stigmatizes clients
- (d) Exploitative

- 1.16 Which one of the following refers to the responsibility of a counselor?
- (a) Convince a client to change her behaviour
 - (b) Change the mindset of the client and adopt a healthy behavior
 - (c) Guide the client in making a decision that suites her
 - (d) Coerce the client to take the right decision
- 1.17 If the daughter indicates that she would like to enroll in the family planning programme, what should be the reaction of a midwife?
- (a) Seek permission of the mother
 - (b) Tell her to re-consider her decision because she is too young to engage in sexual intercourse
 - (c) Request her to seek spiritual counselling
 - (d) Discuss with her the family planning methods that are ideal for adolescents
- 1.18 The adolescent indicates that she may have challenges in accessing reproductive health services because of her school timetable, your response as a counselor is to:
- (a) Consider missing a school day in order to access services
 - (b) Consider purchasing contraceptives over the counter at a local pharmacy
 - (c) Review your timetable and identify a day that will be convenient for both of you
 - (d) Choose a method that will require minimal contact with a midwife
- 1.19 Mrs Nkomo reports to the clinic to check on her daughters' progress, your role as a professional is to:
- (a) Protect the client
 - (b) Maintain confidentiality
 - (c) Warn her that her daughter is engaged in sexual intercourse
 - (d) Tell the truth about the course of treatment
- 1.20 In this case deception may be:
- (a) Therapeutic
 - (b) Unprofessional
 - (c) Wrong
 - (d) Unnecessary
- 1.21 Which one of the following behaviours is unprofessional
- (a) Eating in front of the patients in a maternity unit
 - (b) Challenging a wrong decision made by a doctor in front of patients
 - (c) Calling a senior midwife by her first name
 - (d) None of the above is appropriate behavior

- 1.22 Quality care can be attained if:
- (a) The manager allocates essential resources
 - (b) Midwives adhere to the code of ethics
 - (c) Staff members receive adequate benefits
 - (d) There are fewer patients in the ward

Mrs Nunn's neonate who weighs 800grams has a congenital cardiac condition and needed a life support to keep her alive. The doctor advised that the life support be discontinued because the neonate will not survive yet the hospital has only one life support which will be useful to deserving clients. Question 1.23-1.25 addresses this scenario.

- 1.23 Mrs Nunn is very upset about the doctors' decision, your advice as a midwife is:
- (a) Sue the doctor for malpractice
 - (b) Leave the hospital and take the neonate home to die peacefully
 - (c) Sometimes doctors make such decisions based on the quality of the client's life
 - (d) It was a right decision because the neonate is malformed

- 1.24 The parents requested to sacrifice all they had for the neonate's life because:
- (a) The sanctity of life is more important than the quality of life
 - (b) The quality of life is more important than the sanctity of life
 - (c) Both quality and sanctity of life is important
 - (d) Neither the quality or the sanctity of life is important

- 1.25 If the doctor continued with the life support treatment and a client who is acutely ill was unable to benefit from the life support, the doctor would be charged for:
- (a) Malpractice
 - (b) Irresponsible
 - (c) Unethical
 - (d) Negligent

QUESTION 2

Mrs Dlomo is advised by the obstetrician to consider permanent sterilization in view of her heart condition which is aggravated by pregnancy. Discuss ethical issues that are raised by this scenario

25 marks

QUESTION 3

Institution X is advertising a job but insists that prospective employees should have a current HIV test before they are considered for employment.

(a) Discuss ethical issues that relates to this advertisement

15 marks

(b) People living with HIV and AIDS should not be stigmatized about their condition.

(i) Define stigma

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(ii) Why is stigma regarded an unethical behavior

8 marks

Total marks 25