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<b>TITLE OF PAPER:</b>	<b>PROFESSIONALISM AND MANAGEMENT IN MIDWIFERY</b>
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<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>TWO (2) HOURS</b>
<b>TOTAL MARKS:</b>	<b>75</b>

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- 2. NUMBERS 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

A newly qualified midwife is attending to an adolescent woman who is 22 weeks pregnant and would like to terminate her pregnancy for social reasons. Question 1-5 relates to this scenario.

- 1.1 Which ethical principle supports the adolescent's right decision to perform an abortion
- (a) Non-maleficence
  - (b) Beneficence
  - (c) Autonomy
  - (d) Justice
- 1.2 What is the ethical consideration for allowing the client to exercise the principle identified in 1.1
- (a) The age and gender of the client may determine one to exercise her right
  - (b) Power to make cognitive informed choice
  - (c) Health status of the client can determine the choices she can make
  - (d) Socio-economic status of the client must be considered
- 1.3 The professional duty of a midwife is to care for the mother and the foetus. In the scenario presented above, how should a midwife respond to the request of the client?
- (a) Refer the client to the next level of care for professional assistance
  - (b) Inform her that it is morally unacceptable to conduct an abortion
  - (c) Tell her that abortion is an illegal practice in Swaziland and she should not conduct it
  - (d) Discuss with her the benefits of and challenges that may occur if she aborts the foetus and give her time to make an informed choice
- 1.4 Which one of the principles is followed when a professional makes decisions for the 'best' interest of the clients?
- (a) Paternalism
  - (b) Competency
  - (c) Utilitarian
  - (d) Deontology

- 1.5 The adolescent is scared that the midwife will inform her parents about the intended decision of performing an abortion; the midwife assures her that she upholds ----- at all times:
- (a) Competency
  - (b) Confidentiality
  - (c) Anonymity
  - (d) Privacy
- 1.6 One of the ethical considerations in conducting 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
- 1.7 If a researcher is conducting human experiments and the participants are excluded from an essential medication, the researcher is not observing the principle of-----
- (a) Confidentiality
  - (b) Non-maleficence
  - (c) Justice
  - (d) Veracity
- 1.8 The researcher realizes that the community where research is conducted has no water supply and installs a borehole to assist the families. What principle is the researcher observing?
- (a) Fair
  - (b) Justice
  - (c) Fidelity
  - (d) Non-maleficence
- 1.9 A researcher does not inform participants that the research will cause physical pain. He/she may be accused of:
- (a) Non-maleficence
  - (b) Injustice
  - (c) Fidelity
  - (d) Malpractice
- 1.10 Which one of the following items refers to correct behaviour to support women-centred care:
- (a) Designing a routine care plan for women in the childbearing age
  - (b) Requesting women to develop their care plan
  - (c) Following the unit routine of providing care to all women
  - (d) Discussing and implementing a care plan that suit individual women

- 1.11 What is the ethical position that should be taken by a midwife if a client refuses to test for HIV yet she has typical signs of HIV infection?
- (a) Request the woman to sign a form indicating his refusal to take treatment
  - (b) Withdraw all treatment and discharge the patient
  - (c) Initiate ART and monitor clients response to the treatment
  - (d) Request relatives to explain to her the benefits of testing for HIV
- 1.12 A midwife has sustained a needle stick injury while attending to a client who is diagnosed with AIDS related conditions. As part of the institutional routine the midwife has to undergo an HIV test, but she refuses to take the HIV test. Which is the most appropriate step that management should take?
- (a) Allow the midwife to sign a form indicating that she will not sue the hospital for contracting HIV infection
  - (b) Request the midwife to consider her decision and conduct an HIV test in a different institution
  - (c) Discuss the issue with top management and request the midwife to resign from work
  - (d) Allow the midwife to exercise her professional right and take a decision that suites her
- 1.13 If management coerces the midwife to take an HIV test, which principle are they violating?
- (a) Autonomy
  - (b) Privacy
  - (c) Confidentiality
  - (d) Non-maleficence
- 1.14 Should management view their action as justified, which one of the following options are they applying?:
- (a) Dictator
  - (b) Utilitarian
  - (c) Deontology
  - (d) Paternalistic

1.15 If a health care institution has a policy of screening all pregnant women for HIV and initiating treatment to eligible clients, which one of the following ethical principle does this policy uphold:

- (a) Beneficence
- (b) Justice
- (c) Fidelity
- (d) Veracity

1.16 Which one of the following items refers to the role of a midwife in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 and 6?

- (a) To capture quality maternal and neonatal data
- (b) To acquire high level of midwifery education
- (c) To provide quality care to mothers, fetuses and young children
- (d) To build a strong midwifery association which will enable midwives to become members of ICM

1.17 Which one of the following attributes should a midwife as a counselor portrays?

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

1.18 Which one of the following options is required in a relationship between a counselor and the client?

- (a) Privacy
- (b) Confidentiality
- (c) Boundaries
- (d) Bonding

1.19 Which one of the following model of care is ethically unsound when applied to childbearing women:

- (a) Offering holistic care
- (b) Attending to socio-cultural aspects of care
- (c) Applying individual care
- (d) Dominant subordinate relationship

- 1.20 Which one of the following options refers to the responsibilities of the midwife according to his/her scope of practice?
- (a) Provision of reproductive technology
  - (b) Execution of emergency obstetric and neonatal care
  - (c) Detection of abnormal conditions in the mother and/or foetus
  - (d) Assisting an obstetrician to conduct normal childbirth
- 1.21 Which one of the following items refers to 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
- 1.22 Which one of the following statements best describes the Swaziland Nursing Council objectives:
- (a) Directs midwifery practice only
  - (b) Disqualify midwives
  - (c) Advise the Minister on matters falling within the scope of nursing and midwifery profession
  - (d) Collect registration fees
- 1.23 Which one of the following options refers to competency in midwifery practice?
- (a) Knowledge and practice skills
  - (b) Knowledge, psychomotor, communication and decision-making skills
  - (c) Psychomotor and decision making skills
  - (d) Decision-making and communication skills
- 1.24 Which one of the following options is the purpose of maintaining good record keeping in clinical practice
- (a) Private information about the client is revealed
  - (b) Data related to the socio-economic status of the client is captured
  - (c) Communication and co-ordination of care is enhanced
  - (d) All of the above responses is relevant

1.25 Which one of the following record keeping principles is ethically unacceptable?

- (a) Documenting soon after provision of care
- (b) Entries submitted in chronological order
- (c) Using a 24hour clock to time entries
- (d) Pre-dating entries into client's records

## **QUESTION 2**

Miss Bonakele is a 45 year old grandmultiparous client who has given birth to her 9<sup>th</sup> baby, she develops postpartum haemorrhage and when the midwife and members of the multidisciplinary team were preparing to transfuse her fresh blood, the husband objected to the procedure claiming that it was immoral to give blood from another human.

- (a) Debate this scenario using ethical principles (15 marks)
- (b) Discuss the principles of cultural safety as it apply to the above scenario. (10 Marks)

**Total marks 25**

## **QUESTION 3**

Nomsa is at the end of her reproductive stage yet she was unable to conceive. Her gynaecologist suggests that she should consider assisted reproductive technology.

- (a) What is your understanding of the term 'assisted reproductive technology'? (2 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the advantages of using assisted reproductive technology (10 Marks)
- (c) Discuss ethical issues related to assisted reproductive technology (13 Marks)

**Total marks 25**