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TOTAL MARKS:	75

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 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION

Select a single correct response, write the number and the relevant response eg 1.3 B

- 1.1 Which one of the following statements depicts an attribute of a profession?
- (a) A well-paying job that does not need formal education
 - (b) A group of person who study at a university
 - (c) A strong service motivation and life-long commitment to competence
 - (d) All of the above are correct responses
- 1.2 Which one of the following is the 'Right' of childbearing women?
- (a) Right to continuity of care
 - (b) Right to individualized care
 - (c) Right to safe and respectful care
 - (d) Right to be cared for at home
- 1.3 Identify one of the key concepts that defines the unique role of a midwife
- (a) Assisting a doctor when examining pregnant women
 - (b) Respect for women as persons with full human rights
 - (c) Partnership with women to provide self-care
 - (d) B and C are correct responses
- 1.4 Which one of the following principles is used by a midwife who carefully considers the benefits versus the risks of conducting a critical procedure to a client?
- (a) Deontology
 - (b) Utilitarian
 - (c) Both A & B are correct responses
 - (d) None of the above is appropriate response
- 1.5 Which one among the following statements best describes the term 'autonomy'?
- (a) The capacity of a person to make an informed decision about her health
 - (b) The right of a person to refuse treatment
 - (c) The ability of midwives to respect ones' decision
 - (d) The capacity of partners to decide on behalf of their wives
- 1.6 Identify one of the following persons who is eligible to make an informed consent
- (a) Any adult
 - (b) A husband
 - (c) An adolescent
 - (d) A competent person

1.7 The principle of justice must be upheld at all costs, convincing justification for any difference may occur when one of the following situation occurs; identify one from the list provided:

- (a) Shortage of clinical staff
- (b) Beneficiaries have acquired an infectious disease
- (c) An emergency situation occurs
- (d) When elderly persons are affected

1.8 Identify one of the rights of people living with HIV from the list provided

- (a) Right to bodily and psychological integrity
- (b) Right to information and education about HIV progression
- (c) Reproductive right
- (d) All of the above is appropriate responses

1.9 Identify one of the values of a professional counsellor from the list provided

- (a) Discriminatory
- (b) Impartiality
- (c) Disrespectful
- (d) Exploitative

1.10 Which one among the listed statements reflects the purpose of record keeping in reproductive health services?

- (a) Clinical audit
- (b) Fitness to practice enquiries
- (c) Midwifery decision-making
- (d) All of the listed is appropriate

1.11 Which one of the following listed terms best describes stigma?

- (a) Social embarrassment
- (b) Obstacle in accessing all health care services
- (c) Opposes the principle of equality
- (d) All of the above responses are relevant

1.12 When conducting research, the principle of beneficence is applied in which one of the following actions?

- (a) The research should benefit participants and/ or the community members
- (b) The research should benefit participants from private health institutions
- (c) The research should benefit a selected group of participants
- (d) The research should benefit both researchers and participants

1.13 When a trusting relationship is built between the researcher and the participants; which one of the following principles is upheld?

- (a) Beneficence
- (b) Fidelity
- (c) Non-maleficence
- (d) Veracity

1.14. A grossly deformed neonate is removed from a life support machine to give room to a term neonate who is having an acute respiratory problem and has a good survival chance. Which one of the following ethical dilemmas relates to this scenario?

- (a) Professional responsibility versus social responsibility
- (b) Quality of life versus limited resources
- (c) Empirical knowledge versus personal belief
- (d) Sanctity of life versus quality of life

1.15 Which one of the following ethical principles is applied by a doctor who coerces a woman to have tubal ligation despite her unwillingness to give consent for the recommended procedure?

- (a) Beneficence
- (b) Justice
- (c) Paternalism
- (d) Autonomy

1.16 Which one of the following options is the essence of competence?

- (a) Conducting birthing procedures timely
- (b) Upholding professional responsibilities
- (c) Good social skills with clients and colleagues
- (d) A combination of Knowledge and psychomotor skills

1.17 Midwives working in rural health care facility in a poverty-stricken country X offer supplementary feeds to young children diagnosed with HIV related infections in order to improve their nutritional status, this 'act of mercy' may be viewed by mothers of HIV negative children as:

- (a) Beneficence
- (b) Injustice
- (c) Stigmatisation
- (d) Paternalism

1.18 How do midwives develop and share midwifery knowledge?

- (a) By engaging in continuous professional development
- (b) By awarding the best midwife in the country
- (c) By staging reproductive health shows
- (d) Through research, scientific conferences and peer reviewed journal publication

1.19 If a woman chooses to abort her deformed foetus, which one of the following ethical dilemmas is faced by a professional midwife?

- (a) Beneficence and non-maleficence
- (b) Autonomy and beneficence
- (c) Rights of women and autonomy
- (d) Justice and non-maleficence

1.20 Dumile enrolled in an Antiretroviral programme two (2) months ago. Her partner refuses to use a condom during sexual intercourse because he is not aware of her HIV positive status. Dumile would like the midwife to intervene but should not inform the partner that she is HIV positive. Which one of the following options is fundamental to the ethical dilemma the midwife is facing?

- (a) Informed consent and privacy
- (b) Confidentiality and justice
- (c) Truth telling and deception
- (d) Confidentiality and privacy

1.21 Which one among the listed is a good ethical practice for conducting research on human subjects?

- (a) Research should benefit the researcher
- (b) Research should include all relatives and friends
- (c) Research should be authorised by the ethics board
- (d) Informed written consent may not be necessary if the participant refuses to sign the consent but willing to participate in the study

1.22 In an effort to enhance anonymity when conducting research, which one of the following is the correct response?

- (a) Use national identity numbers to identify respondents
- (b) Use code numbers to identify centres
- (c) Use nicknames to identify respondents
- (d) Use hospital numbers to identify patients who participated in the study

1.23 Which one of the following statements justifies the use of Artificial Reproductive Technology (ART) in reproductive care facilities?

- (a) It allows a certain group of persons to have a child/children
- (b) It's an immoral act and should be discouraged
- (c) It's an alternative method to adoption
- (d) None of the above is applicable

1.24 Which one among the following principles describes a health care person who makes a decision on behalf of someone else?

- (a) Autonomy
- (b) Paternalism
- (c) Beneficence
- (d) Deontology

1.25 If an act/ procedure produces good outcome the ethical principle used is which one of the following?

- (a) Consequential
- (b) Deontology
- (c) Autonomy
- (d) All of the above is correct

QUESTION 2

Miss Dumile is transferred from Bholi clinic to Mbabane Referral Hospital accompanied by her husband. The client has been bleeding vaginally for the past hour and she is anaemic, her Haemoglobin level has not been estimated because she does not give consent to have blood drawn and she refuses to receive blood transfusion. The husband has consented on her behalf that she should be transfused blood.

- a) Discuss the principle of informed consent in relation to this scenario

10 Marks

- b) Discuss the role of the midwife to:

- a) The client
- b) The husband
- c) The midwifery profession

15 marks

QUESTION 3

A researcher is investigating abortion practices for adolescent mothers in a densely populated settlement. The chief of the settlement gave consent on behalf of the participants. Women who participated in the study were assured that they will be given food parcels and money for participating in the study; however, due to financial constrain, only ten participants were offered food parcels. Participants were advised by the researcher to use their national identity number for easy identification.

- (a) Discuss five (5) ethical principles that were violated by the researcher when conducting this study

15 Marks

- (b) Discuss the Rights of childbearing women; make reference to the scenario presented above

10 Marks