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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MIDWIFERY SCIENCE**

FINAL EXAMINATION: DECEMBER 2016

COURSE TITLE: FOUNDATIONS OF MIDWIFERY

COURSE CODE: MWF 301

TIME ALLOCATED: 2 HOURS

MARKS ALLOCATED: 75

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- 2. USE THE PROVIDED ANSWER BOOKLET FOR ALL YOUR ANSWERS**
- 3. START ALL QUESTIONS ON A NEW PAGE**
- 4. USE BULLETS FOR EACH POINT IN YOUR ANSWERS (DO NOT INVENT YOUR OWN NUMBERING)**
- 5. CHECK THAT YOUR QUESTION PAPER HAS 3 PRINTED PAGES**
- 6. DO NOT OPEN THE QUESTION PAPER UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE CHIEF INVIGILATOR**

QUESTION 1

- 1.1 In 1987, the United Nations' agencies launched the Safe Motherhood Initiative (SMI).
Explain the main aim of the SMI. [1]
- 1.2 Describe the barriers to the provision of quality midwifery care in Swaziland [8]
- 1.3 Discuss the factors which affect women's health globally [16]

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION 2

The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) set forth the code of professional conduct for midwives.

- 2.1 Briefly explain the main aim of ICM [2]
- 2.2 Discuss the ICM code of professional conduct under the following headings:
- 2.2.1 Midwifery relationships [5]
 - 2.2.2 Practice of midwifery [5]
 - 2.2.3 Professional responsibilities of midwives [5]
 - 2.2.4 Advancement of midwifery knowledge and practice [3]
- 2.3 The Swaziland Nursing Council's role differs from that of ICM. Mention at least five (5) functions of the Swaziland Nursing Council [5]

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION 3

You are a midwife looking after a woman from another culture. You do not speak the same language, and she does not understand the message you are communicating to her, yet she is in active labour. In such instances, you may be required to practice cultural assimilation.

- 3.1 Explain what you understand by cultural assimilation [2]
- 3.2 State the goals of cultural safety that you need to be aware of as you take care of the woman mentioned in the scenario above [3]
- 3.3 Describe the potential communication barriers that may be present when speaking to the client mentioned in the scenario above [14]
- 3.4 Mention six (6) elements of the communication process that will take place in the conversation between you and the client mentioned in the scenario above [6]

[Total: 25 marks]