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**TITLE: NURSING ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND THE LAW**

**CODE: GNS 209**

**TIME: 2HRS**

**TOTAL MARKS: 75**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THE PROVIDED ANSWER SHEET
2. SECTION A CONSISTS OF MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
3. SECTION B CONSISTS OF ESSAY QUESTIONS

**DO NOT OPEN THE QUESTION PAPER UNTIL THE INVILATOR TELLS YOU TO DO SO!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

***Choose the most correct answer and number correctly***

1. The study of ethics is concerned with the meaning of such words as
  - a. Right, wrong, good, ought, duty.
  - b. Bad, consent, good, duty
  - c. Patients rights, ought, law, duty
  - d. What is right and wrong, freedom of speech, dilemma
  
2. Morals refer to.....
  - a. Patients rights
  - b. what we should or should not do
  - c. Ten commandments
  - d. The Lord's prayer
  
3. The ethos of nursing is also concerned with.....
  - a. nursing education and practice
  - b. patient's bill of rights
  - c. what we ought to do and character
  - d. the evolution, development and expansion of nursing – with the past, present, and future.
  
4. Members of the medical and nursing professions universally profess
  - a. to respect and value all life.
  - b. Through the pledge
  - c. Through prayer
  - d. To respect the elderly in society as the bible command
  
5. The profession of nursing recognises that actions and relationships of nurses
  - a. Are intertwined with those of the other health care professionals
  - b. Are based on the Christian principles
  - c. Are acquired throughout the education of nurses
  - d. are conditioned by personal philosophies and beliefs.
  
6. If nursing is not squarely based on the highest moral values, and if nurses have no belief in the intrinsic moral values of nursing,
  - a. Nursing becomes just another job.
  - b. nursing becomes a very important profession
  - c. nursing is a humanitarian job
  - d. Then nursing education has failed

7. It is important for nurses to realise the strength of their
  - a. qualifications in order to deliver nursing care
  - b. education in order to embrace themselves with a good salary
  - c. personal values in shaping their professional values.
  - d. Professional values as nurses
  
8. Commitment is...
  - a. the giving of self to serve mankind
  - b. full, willing and open-eyed acceptance of one's full share of life
  - c. the dedication of a nurse makes to do his/her duties to the fullest
  - d. when two people get married, they commit to one another
  
9. Descriptive ethics consist mainly of
  - a. Studies in anthropology
  - b. Factual descriptions of conduct and moral beliefs
  - c. Gerontology studies
  - d. Cultural studies
  
10. Deontology is a word derived from the Greek word called
  - a. Logo
  - b. Duty
  - c. Deon
  - d. Ontology
  
11. There are three types of teleology called
  - a. Altruism, egoism and utilitarianism
  - b. Deontology, normative and meta ethics
  - c. Beneficence, justice and consent
  - d. Egoism, law and ethics
  
12. Law is a word derived from the Anglo-Saxon meaning that which
  - a. Involves lawyers and judges
  - b. Is laid down
  - c. Involves rules and regulations
  - d. Address Human rights
  
13. A prayer according to law is
  - a. The Lord's prayer
  - b. When someone Kneels and talk to God
  - c. Request for judicial action
  - d. It is a written letter submitted to lawyers

14. Beneficence is an ethical principle that requires nurses to....
- Do no harm to patients
  - Distribute equal benefits to patients
  - Allow patients the freedom of choice
  - Balance benefits against risks
15. Autonomy in nursing ethics means giving the mentally competent person
- the right to make decisions
  - to verbalise his concerns
  - to cry as a way of ventilating her/himself
  - freedom of speech

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## SECTION B

- Discuss the reasons why nurses need to study ethics (10)
- Describe briefly the branches of ethics (14)
- Explain the importance of studying law as a nurse (5)
- Discuss the sources of law (15)
- Describe the disciplinary steps taken in nursing misconduct (8)
- SCENARIO:**  
Mrs Betty is pregnant a diagnosed through the amniocentesis revealed that the foetus has Down Syndrome. The woman wants very much to give birth and the dilemma involves her thwarted will to give birth. Mrs Betty considered destruction of the foetus as doing harm. The husband rejects the possibility of raising a retarded child and feels that the marriage will suffer as a consequence. Answer the following question based on this case of a dilemma based on what is "good or harm":

Discuss the steps you will undertake to come up with a better decision making by using the moral model related on the above scenario (8).