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BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE YEAR 4**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JANUARY 2019**

**TITLE OF PAPER : ETHICAL ISSUES, DILEMMAS AND  
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN MENTAL  
HEALTH NURSING I**

**COURSE CODE : NUR 451**

**TIME ALLOCATION : 2 HOURS**

**MARKS ALLOCATION: 75**

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS  
2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25  
MARKS  
3. NO PAPER SHOULD BE BROUGHT  
INTO NOR OUT OF THE  
EXAMINATION ROOM.  
4. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A  
SEPARATE SHEET OR PAPER**

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**Question 1**

“Informed consent” is considered the cornerstone of modern-day health care practice. Discuss the ethical principles enshrined in obtaining “informed consent” (25)

**TOTAL 25**

**Question 2**

Approaches in the management of psychiatric conditions have received criticism from some ethicists. Highlight some of the criticisms that have been leveled on each of the following:

- a) Care of the mentally retarded. (9)
- b) Child psychiatry (9)
- c) Psychotherapy (7)

**TOTAL 25**

**Question 3**

Children in one family whose religious beliefs do not allow taking children to hospital or taking any medication had an outbreak of measles and two of them died from complications. Efforts by nurses in that area to convince the family to bring the remaining children for treatment proved futile. The government ministry responsible for child welfare was alerted and the children were forcefully taken from their parents to the nearest health centre where they were admitted, treated and later discharged.

- a) What ethical issues are inherent in this scenario? (5)
- b) Write a critique of the parents' behaviour and that of the government officials who took the children for treatment. (20)

**TOTAL 25**