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Faculty of Health Sciences
Department of Nursing Sciences
2024 1 EXAMINATION

Programme: Bachelor of Nursing Science
Course Code: NSC310
Course Title: Nursing Ethics and Jurisprudence
Course Credit Units: 3 Units
Time Allowed: 2 Hours
Total Score: 70 Marks
Instruction: Answer All the Questions

Question 1

1. Law can be defined as those rules made by humans which regulate social conduct in a formally prescribed and legally binding manner.
 - a. Enumerate any 2 (two) functions of Law in Nursing (2 marks)
 - b. List and briefly explain any 5 (five) sources of Law (7.5 marks)
 - c. Discuss the first 4 (four) steps of civil judicial process (8 marks)

Question 2

2. Philosophical theories, frameworks and ethical principles underpin health care delivery thereby making health care professions unique by adopting codes of professional behaviors.
 - a. Define the term "ethical" (1.5marks)
 - b. Outline and briefly explain the four (4) principles widely recognized as the basis of ethical foundations of health care law (12 marks)
 - c. Briefly discuss the relationship between Law and Morality (4 marks)

Question 3

3. In carrying out nursing responsibilities, nurses are faced with many situations that expose them to legal liability. It is important, therefore, that they are protected.
 - a. Outline any four (4) guidelines for nurses who choose to render care at emergency sites (4 marks)
 - b. State any nine (9) precautions recommended to help protect a nurse against actions that may lead to litigation while providing nursing care. (13.5 marks)

Question 4

4. Nurses are confronted with ethical dilemma in the process of carrying out their duties and are expected to make decisions on what to do in such situations.
 - a. Define ethical decision (2 marks)
 - b. Outline the first eight (8) steps involved in the Thompson and Thompson's (1985) model for making ethical decisions (8 marks)
 - c. Discuss any three (3) strategies that can be used to enhance ethical decisions and practice (7.5 marks)

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