UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

DECEMBER 2008

COURSE TITLE: ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE I

COURSE CODE: NUR 205

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 75

EXAMINER   :   MRS C.Z VILAKATI

INSTRUCTIONS:

    1. PLEASE READ QUESTIONS

      CAREFULLY

    2. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

    3. HAND IN THE SCRIPT AND QUESTION PAPER

    4. THE PAPER HAS A TOTAL OF 3 PAGES.

MARK ALLOCATION: 1 MARK per FACT/CORRECT PHRASE.

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN QUESTION PAPER UNTIL PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1

SECTION 1

STATE WHETHER THE FOLLOWING TERMS ARE TRUE OR FALSE.

1.1 Members of the medical and nursing professions universally profess to respect and value all life.

1.2 Society expects a caring behaviour from health care professionals at all times and under all conditions.

1.3 Headlines in the media describe behaviour by members of the nursing profession to be of moral consciousness.

1.4 Nursing as a profession is not necessarily based on caring values, but on treatment of ailments.

1.5 Those entering the nursing profession often do realise that that their chosen profession will involve difficult decisions which may call for their own personal convictions.

1.6 When a person selects a profession, he/she is always aware of the values of that profession.

1.7 Compassion can be easily acquired by skills and techniques, and is not merely more than sympathy and emotional attachment.

1.8 The keeping of confidence is one of the fundamental ethical requirements of professional health care.

1.9 According to the ethical principle beneficence, health care workers are not supposed to do harm to their clients.

1.10 The principle of truth telling is known as nomalficence.

(10 Marks)

SECTION 2 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

QUESTION 2

2.1 Describe five caring behaviours inherent in the philosophy of nursing

practice.   (25 Marks)

QUESTION 3

3.1 Describe the following ethical principles entrenched in the philosophy of

nursing:

   3.1.1 Beneficence/benevolence

   3.1.2 Veracity

   3.1.3 Justice

   3.1.4 Fidelity

               (20 Marks)

QUESTION 4

4.1 Describe the code of professional nursing conduct in Swaziland.

               (20 Marks)

TOTAL = 75 MARKS