

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
FINAL EXAMINATIONS
NOV-DEC 2009**

**COURSE TITLE: ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
COURSE CODE: NUR 205
TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS
TOTAL MARKS: 75**

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. PLEASE READ QUESTIONS CAREFULLY**
- 2. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- 3. HAND IN THE SCRIPT AND QUESTION PAPER**

MARK ALLOCATION: 1 MARK per FACT/CORRECT PHRASE.

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

QUESTION 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 immoral 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 veracity. **(10 Marks)**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

QUESTION 2

- 2.1 Describe the principles of professional regulation as set by the International Council for Nurses. **(25Marks)**

QUESTION 3

- 3.1 Describe the characteristics of a profession. **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION 4

4.1 Describe the code of professional nursing conduct in Swaziland. **(25 Marks)**

TOTAL = 75 MARKS