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<b>TITLE OF PAPER:</b>	<b>PROFESSIONALISM AND MANAGEMENT IN MIDWIFERY</b>
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<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>TWO (2) HOURS</b>
<b>TOTAL MARKS:</b>	<b>75</b>

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- 2. NUMBERS IN BRACKETS INDICATE MARKS ALLOCATED TO EACH OR PART OF A QUESTION**
- 3. ANSWER EACH QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE**

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## QUESTION 1 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION

Select a single correct response, write the number and the relevant response eg 1.3 B

- 1.1 Which one of the following statements conforms to the philosophy of midwifery?
- (a) Midwifery care empowers women to be responsible for their health
  - (b) Midwifery is based on a medical model
  - (c) Midwives are not competent to provide care on their own right
  - (d) All of the above are correct responses
- 1.2 Which one of the following principles is used by a midwife who weighs the benefits versus the risks of conducting a critical procedure to a client?
- (a) Deontology
  - (b) Utilitarian
  - (c) Consequential
  - (d) None of the above is appropriate response
- 1.3 Which one among the following statements best describes competence?
- (a) Cognitive ability to make a decision
  - (b) The right to engage someone to make a decision on your behalf
  - (c) A midwife making a decision for the woman
  - (d) All of the above are correct responses
- 1.4 Which one among the following statements best describes the term 'autonomy'?
- (a) The right of a person to refuse treatment
  - (b) The ability of midwives to respect ones' decision
  - (c) The capacity of a person to make an informed decision about her health
  - (d) The capacity of partners to decide on behalf of their wives
- 1.5 If a court appoints someone to give a consent for an obstetric procedure, this is called
- (a) Court order
  - (b) Therapeutic privilege
  - (c) Power of attorney
  - (d) Both B and C are correct responses

- 1.6 Which one of the following is the 'Right' of childbearing women?
- (a) Right to continuity of care
  - (b) Right to individualized care
  - (c) Right to be cared for at home
  - (d) Right to safe and respectful care
- 1.7 The principle of justice must be upheld at all costs, convincing justification for any difference may occur when one of the following situation occurs; identify one from the list provided:
- (a) Shortage of clinical staff
  - (b) An emergency situation occurs
  - (c) Beneficiaries have acquired an infectious disease
  - (d) When elderly persons are affected
- 1.8 Identify one of the rights of people living with HIV from the list provided
- (a) Right to bodily and psychological integrity
  - (b) Right to selected information about the disease
  - (c) Reproductive right
  - (d) A and B are correct responses
- 1.9 Identify one of the values of a professional counsellor from the list provided
- (a) Discriminatory
  - (b) Disrespectful
  - (c) Impartiality
  - (d) Exploitative
- 1.10 Which one among the listed statements reflects the purpose of record keeping in reproductive health services?
- (a) Clinical audit
  - (b) Fitness to practice enquiries
  - (c) Midwifery decision-making
  - (d) All of the listed is appropriate
- 1.11 Which one of the following listed terms best describes stigma?
- (a) Social embarrassment
  - (b) Obstacle in accessing all health care services
  - (c) Opposes the principle of equality
  - (d) All of the above responses are relevant

1.12 When conducting research, the principle of beneficence is applied in which one of the following actions?

- (a) The research should benefit participants from private health institutions
- (b) The research should benefit participants and/ or the community members
- (c) The research should benefit a selected group of participants
- (d) The research should benefit both researchers and participants

1.13 When a trusting relationship is built between the researcher and the participants; which one of the following principles is upheld?

- (a) Beneficence
- (b) Fidelity
- (c) Non-maleficence
- (d) Veracity

1.14. A grossly deformed neonate is removed from a life support machine to give room to a term neonate who is having an acute respiratory problem and has a good survival chance. Which one of the following ethical dilemmas relates to this scenario?

- (a) Professional responsibility versus social responsibility
- (b) Quality of life versus limited resources
- (c) Sanctity of life versus quality of life
- (d) Empirical knowledge versus personal belief

1.15 Which one of the following ethical principles is violated by a doctor who conducts hysterectomy without the consent of a woman?

- (a) Beneficence
- (b) Justice
- (c) Paternalism
- (d) Autonomy

1.16 Which one of the following options is the essence of professional competence?

- (a) Conducting birthing procedures timely
- (b) A combination of Knowledge and psychomotor skills
- (c) Upholding professional responsibilities
- (d) Good social skills with clients and colleagues

1.17 Midwives working in poverty stricken rural health care facility offer supplementary feeds to malnourished infants in order to improve their health status, this 'act of mercy' may be viewed by mothers of non-eligible children as:

- (a) Injustice
- (b) Stigmatisation
- (c) Beneficence
- (d) Paternalism

1.18 Identify one of the statements which indicates how midwives develop and share their knowledge?

- (a) By engaging in continuous professional development
- (b) By awarding the best midwife in the country
- (c) By staging reproductive health shows
- (d) Through research, scientific conferences and peer reviewed journal publication

1.19 If a woman chooses to abort her deformed foetus, which one of the following ethical principles should guide the professional midwife?

- (a) Beneficence and non-maleficence
- (b) Autonomy and beneficence
- (c) Rights of women and autonomy
- (d) Justice and non-maleficence

1.20 Jabu enrolled in an Antiretroviral programme two (2) months ago. Her partner refuses to use a condom during sexual intercourse because he is not aware of her HIV positive status. Jabu would like the midwife to intervene but should not inform the partner that she is HIV positive. Which one of the following options is fundamental to the ethical dilemma the midwife is facing?

- (a) Informed consent and privacy
- (b) Confidentiality and justice
- (c) Truth telling and deception
- (d) Confidentiality and privacy

1.21 Which one among the listed is a good ethical practice for conducting research on human subjects?

- (a) Research should benefit the researcher
- (b) Research should include all relatives and friends
- (c) Research should be authorised by the ethics board
- (d) Informed written consent may not be necessary if the participant refuses to sign the consent but willing to participate in the study

1.22 In an effort to enhance anonymity when conducting research, which one of the following statements is the correct response?

- (a) Use national identity numbers to identify respondents
- (b) Use code numbers to identify centres
- (c) Use hospital numbers to identify patients who participated in the study
- (d) Use nicknames to identify respondents

1.23 Which one of the following statements justifies the use of Artificial Reproductive Technology (ART) in reproductive care facilities?

- (a) It provides an opportunity for scientists to conduct genetic engineering
- (b) It's an immoral act and should be discouraged
- (c) It gives a chance for all groups of people who may wish to have children
- (d) It's an alternative method to adoption
- (e) None of the above is applicable

1.24 Which one among the following principles describes a health care person who makes a decision on behalf of someone else?

- (a) Autonomy
- (b) Paternalism
- (c) Beneficence
- (d) Deontology

1.25 The main responsibility of a midwife is 'Duty to care' is which one among the listed principles is upheld by a midwife?

- (a) Consequential
- (b) Autonomy
- (c) Deontology
- (d) All of the above is correct

## QUESTION 2

Babazile is has been diagnosed with severe heart condition and the doctor advises her that he will terminate her pregnancy in order to improve her health. Babazile refuses the procedure in view of her religious belief. The doctor conducted the procedure despite her unwillingness to consent.

- a) Discuss the principle of informed consent in relation to this scenario?

10 Marks

- b) Discuss the principles used by the doctor to conduct the procedure

5 marks

- c) What is the role of a midwife to this client

10 marks

## QUESTION 3

A researcher is investigating abortion practices for adolescent mothers in a densely populated settlement. The chief of the settlement gave consent on behalf of the participants. Women who participated in the study were assured that they will be given food parcels and money for participating in the study; however, due to financial constrain, only ten participants were offered food parcels. Participants were advised by the researcher to use their national identity number for easy identification.

- (a) Discuss five (5) ethical principles that were violated by the researcher when conducting this study

15 Marks

- (b) Discuss the Rights of childbearing women; make reference to the scenario presented above

10 Marks