

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO
BSC NURSING SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS
NURS 211: PROFESSIONALISM

JULY 2009

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer any five (5) questions.**
 - 2. Each question carries 20 marks.**
 - 3. Write clearly.**
 - 4. Figures in brackets indicate the marks allocated to each question.**
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QUESTION 1

- (a) Many people believe that nursing meets the criteria for being called a profession. Discuss five characteristics of a profession. (10)

- (b) Explain each of the following concepts.

Regression (2)

Ethics (2)

Privileged information (2)

Accountability (2)

Teaching role of the nurse (2)

(10)

(20)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Discuss each of the following:

(i) Consumer demands in nursing (5)

(ii) Nurses as expert witnesses (5)

(iii) Informed consent (5)

(iv) False imprisonment (5)

(20)

QUESTION 3

- (a) Discuss the importance of recording patient's information accurately and in time. (10)

- (b) (i) Explain what licensure revocation is (2)

(ii) Who has the power to enforce licensure revocation? (2)

(iii) Briefly explain the circumstances under which licensure revocation occur? (6)

(10)

(20)

QUESTION 4

- (a) Read carefully the following case study.

A sixty year old woman who owns money and fixed property is admitted to hospital in a critical condition. She is not aware of the circumstances surrounding her. Her children live in South Africa. Her cousin wants her to sign a will because he is interested in the outcome. The nurse is the only witness available.

- (i) Explain the concepts of a will. (2)
 - (ii) Discuss why the signing of this will does not meet valid conditions. (8)
- (10)
- (b) Discuss the functions of Lesotho Nursing Council (LNC) (10)
- (20)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Explain each of the following as they relate to nursing:

- (i) Team work and cooperation (5)
 - (ii) Contract in nursing practice. (5)
- (10)

- (b) People's behaviours often change as they fall sick. Describe the following behaviours as they relate to illness.

- Fearfulness (4)
 - Regression (3)
 - Egocentricity (3)
- (10)
- (20)

QUESTION 6

- (a) A nurse has the responsibility to prevent legal problems in her practice. Discuss briefly how a nurse can prevent legal problems from occurring under the following:

- (i) Communication (5)
 - (ii) Meeting the standards of care (5)
- (10)

- (b) Mrs Poti who is 35 years old was admitted with headache two days ago. Her vital signs were normal on admission. On the 6th June 2009, she got out of bed to the toilet. She then became dizzy and fell. While you were assisting another patient at 2.30 am, you heard a loud scream. On arrival, you observed that she was lying on the floor bleeding from a cut above the right eye. (10)

Write an incident report for the management of the hospital before they meet with the relatives.

(20)