



FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA
 Department of Nursing
 7th End Semester Examination – 2025 – 2019/2020 (13th) Batch
 NUR 4123 – Professional Development in Nursing – SEQ

Date: 27th of May 2025

Time: 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

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Answer the question in the given space.

1. You are a nurse working in a surgical ward. A competent adult patient refuses a recommended surgical procedure, even after being fully informed of the risks, benefits, and possible consequences. The patient’s family insists that the surgery should be done, stating that the patient is making a poor decision due to emotional distress.

Based on this scenario, answer the following.

1.1. Define the ethical principle of autonomy and explain how it applies in this situation.

(20 marks)

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1.2. Identify and briefly describe two (02) other ethical principles that may be relevant here.

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1.3. Discuss how a nurse should respond when family wishes conflict with the patient's decision. (20 marks)

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1.4. Explain how effective communication can help resolve ethical dilemmas in such cases. (30 marks)

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1.5. Mention two (02) possible consequences if the nurse ignores the patient's refusal and proceeds with care based on the family's request. (10 marks)

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2.1. Outline five (05) qualities required to be an effective nurse in modern healthcare settings.

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2.2. Mention three (03) legal responsibilities of a registered nurse with examples.

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3.1. Mr. Silva, a 45-year-old man, was attacked and severely injured during a robbery. Before losing consciousness, he made a detailed statement to the attending nurse about the identity of his assailant and the circumstances of the attack. Mr. Silva died a few hours later in the hospital.

3.1.1. Define dying declaration (10 marks)

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3.1.2. Explain the conditions under which it is considered admissible in court. (20 marks)

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3.2. Patients with injuries following domestic violence are a common casualty to the surgical wards.

3.2.1. Define Domestic Violence. (04 marks)

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3.2.2. List two (02) different forms of domestic violence. (06 marks)

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3.2.3. List two (02) types of injuries commonly observed on the victims of domestic violence. (08 marks)

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3.2.4. List five (05) medico legal and ethical duties of the nursing officer towards a victim of domestic violence. (20 marks)

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3.2.5. Mention three (03) different social problems that can be seen in a family with domestic violence. (12 marks)

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