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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SCIENCES
2025_1 EXAMINATION...

PROGRAMME: BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE
COURSE CODE: NSC310
COURSE TITLE: NURSING ETHICS AND JURISPRUDENCE
COURSE CREDIT UNITS: 3 UNITS
TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS
TOTAL SCORE: 70 MARKS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

Question 1

1. Law can be defined as those rules made by humans which regulate social conduct in a formally prescribed and legally binding manner.
 - a. Enumerate any 2 (two) functions of Law in Nursing (2 marks)
 - b. List and briefly explain any 5 (five) sources of Law (10 marks)
 - c. Discuss the first 4 (four) steps of civil judicial process (8 marks)

Question 2

2. Philosophical theories, frameworks and ethical principles underpin health care delivery thereby making health care professions unique by adopting codes of professional behaviors.
 - a. Define the term “ethical” (2 mark)
 - b. Outline and briefly explain the four (4) principles widely recognized as the basis of ethical foundations of health care law (12 marks)
 - c. Briefly discuss the relationship between Law and Morality (6 marks)

Question 3

3. In carrying out nursing responsibilities, nurses are faced with many situations that expose them to legal liability. It is important, therefore, that they are protected.
 - a. Outline any four (4) guidelines for nurses who choose to render care at emergency sites (4 marks)
 - b. State any Six (6) recommended to help protect a nurse against actions that may lead to litigation while providing nursing care. (6 marks) (marks)

Question 4

4. Nurses are confronted with ethical dilemma in the process of carrying out their duties and are expected to make decisions on what to do in such situations.
 - a. Define ethical decision (2 marks)

- b. Outline the first eight (8) steps involved in the Thompson and Thompson's (1985) model for making ethical decisions (8 marks)
- c. List and discuss any three (3) strategies that can be used to enhance ethical decisions and practice (10 marks)