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CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ETHICS

DEPARTMENT OF ETHICS

REGULAR PROGRAMME

GS 100: CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Date: APRIL 2014

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

Q1. I am Candid John, a resident of Nairobi, Kenya. Immediately after my MBA in the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, I was employed as a manager in one of a large, nationwide non-profit organization. I believed whole heartedly in the organization's purpose and mission and working for it has been gratifying. After six good years I was transferred to the national headquarters and promoted to administrator for the six regional offices. While working with the organization, I have encountered unexpected ethical issue. I noted a lavish expenditure of organization's money by top management, which I believe is not appropriate for a non-profit organization. While the officers enjoy good salary and generous fringe benefits, authorized by the board, they nonetheless divert resources from the organization for their personal benefit. For example, the president and his wife regularly take vacations and entertain relatives and personal friends at organizational's expense. Other officers too frequently charge to their budgets items of office furniture, equipment and supplies as gifts to relatives and personal friends or taken home permanently for family use. Given my close relationship with most of the officers I really do not know what to do, and I am beginning to think maybe I should ignore the abuse though my conscience troubles me.

Critically discuss and evaluate this case in light of the Christian ethical stand point and then respond to the following questions:

- a) Do you think that the abuse of the officers constitute a grave breach of trust to the organization? Why? **(5 marks)**
- b) Do you think Mr. Candid John, being in the higher managerial position it is his duty to stop the abuses? **(5 marks)**
- c) According to you, what should be the relevant course of action to take:
i) To bring the matter to the attention of the organization's board?
or
ii) To communicate the matter to public officials should the board become reluctant to act? **(10 marks)**
- Q2. a) Mention **FOUR** fundamental moral principles of Christian Ethics. **(5 marks)**
- b) Discuss critically the principle "love of God and neighbour" and give **FIVE** relevant reasons as to why pre-marital sex should be prohibited. **(15 marks)**
- Q3. a) Freedom is doing what you want provided you do not hurt anyone. Discuss this statement in view of the Christian meaning of freedom. **(10 marks)**
- b) Give **FOUR** reasons as to why Gayism and Lesbianism should not be legalized in Africa or any other country in the world. **(10marks)**
- Q4. Marriage is a sacred institution for the survival of humankind. Discuss the justification of this statement and given **FOUR** reasons why divorce is not an appropriate option for couples. **(20 marks)**

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