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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2019 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

**BCP 125: ETHICAL, LEGAL AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN
COUNSELING**

Date: JULY 2019

Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other THREE Questions

Q1. Read the following vignette carefully. Then answer the questions below.

Maina works in a small city where he is the only Christian clinical psychologist. In his place of work, there are two respected social workers, but none of them attends church or feels comfortable handling or dealing with client's religious issues. Rono is referred by his physician because he is dealing with potentially serious bouts of depression. Because Rono has serious spiritual and religious concerns, he is directed to Maina for therapy. During the clinical intake interview, Rono indicates that he teaches chemistry at the local high school. Maina realizes that his first born son, who has a strong interest in sciences is in Rono's class.

- a) Discuss the ethical violations likely to present in this vignette **(15 marks)**
 - b) In reference to the professional code of conduct for counselors and psychologists, explain how the violations can be resolved **(10 marks)**
- Q2.
- a) Explain FOUR eligibility criteria for registration of counselors and psychologists in Kenya under the Counselors and Psychologist Act, 2014 **(10 marks)**
 - b) Describe five reasons why a person can be de-registered under the Counselors and Psychologist Act, 2014 **(5 marks)**

- Q3. a) Discuss five malpractices witnessed among counseling professionals
(10 marks)
- b) State five limits of confidentiality in counseling
(5 marks)
- Q4. a) Explain five ethical dilemmas you may encounter in the near future during your practicum experience
(10 marks)
- b) In reference to the ethical and professional code of conduct, how will you handle the ethical dilemmas
(5 marks)
- Q5. a) Discuss five ethical and professional codes of conduct that you may find difficult to adhere to in your counseling practice
(10 marks)
- b) Explain five ethical and professional codes of conduct that you will find useful in your counseling practice?
(5marks)
- Q6. a) Explain the concept of “competence” as used in professional code of conduct for counselors and psychologist
(5 marks)
- b) Imagine that you are preparing to conduct research with fourth year students regarding their study experience at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. Explain some of the items you would discuss with your research participants as part of your informed consent statement prior administration of the research questionnaire?
(10 marks)

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