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REGULAR PROGRAMME

B-MT 306: MEDICAL ETHICS

Date: DECEMBER 2021

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any TWO Questions

Q1. Describe the term medical ethics and its aims; and after that provide detail explanations why you think that the application of the directives contained in various deontological codes, such as the Hippocratic Oath and the Moses Maimonides's ethical code, for those engaged in health care are important even today.

Q2. The Catholic Church repeatedly teaches that: The work of health care persons is a very valuable service to life. It expresses a profoundly human and Christian commitment, undertaken and carried out not only as a technical activity but also as one of dedication to and love of neighbour. It is a form of Christian witness. Their profession calls for them to be guardians and servants of human life (John Paul II's *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 98). Life is a primary and fundamental good of the human person. Caring for life, then, expresses, first and foremost, a truly human activity in defense of physical life. Explain this statement in light of the nature of medicine and history of medical ethics.

Q3. In the light of the four major ethical theories which are widely used as moral framework for guiding conduct in health care and are clearly relevant to the health care professionals point out the potential of these theories to shape and inform the care of patients, challenge bad medical practice and led medical staff to become better informed about areas of medical ethical disagreement.

Q4. One of the concerns of medical ethics is to remind physicians and the hospital management of their obligations to the patient, their families and the society. In light

of the statement why do you think that abortion and euthanasia are anti-life forces and challenges to the vocation of the medical professionals?

Q5. The term and concept of health embraces all that pertains to prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation for greater equilibrium and the physical, psychic and spiritual well-being of the person. In the context this statement, provide a ethical/moral evaluation or the ethicalness of prenatal diagnosis, donation and transplanting of organs, and genetic manipulatory interventions concerned with embryos.

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