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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

Date: 9th December, 2022
Time: 2.30pm –4.30pm

KLC 2112 - ETHICS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

ETHICS, THE COMMUNITY PILLAR

Ethics are basic standards or ideals that regulate the actions of a person or a community. This is not a responsibility to bear, but a wise and successful guide to existence and progress. Ethics is essential in, the family society, business, as well as in academic institutions and social structures because it is a crucial cornerstone on which an enlightened system is built. It is often not the same to be following legal rules and being ethical. Law, like, emotions, will deviate from what's moral. The practice of sati in India and the abhorrent rules governing apartheid and slavery in South Africa are examples of laws and customs which are not ethical.

Being ethical is not similar to following "whatever the predominant culture allows." In every community, most citizens follow values that are, in essence, ethical. But behavioral standards in society can deviate from moral standards. Culture, as a whole, may become immoral and unethical. Nazi Germany is a perfect example of a culture that is politically compromised. Academic dishonesty is yet another component of unethical conduct. It is a behavior or an attempt that involves the creation of an unfair academic benefit for oneself or a disadvantage for any other representative of the educational institutions.

The family has a powerful impact on one's beliefs and actions, parents create guidelines from the beginning, and they are the foundation of our ethics and morals. Devotion to individual values is part of what makes a student effective. Lack of ethical dedication will always lead to academic incompetence. Social principles and social standards have declined over time. As a consequence, the number of crimes such as killings, robberies, gang assaults, kidnappings, extortion, grab and run cases, and criminal activities such as vandalism, hoarding, substance trafficking, etc. has increased in just some very few years. Learning and astuteness have taken the shape of ambition, envy, destructive rivalry, and the lure of quick income, which is entirely counterproductive to a stable and safe social existence.

Citizens have lost faith and been greedy in their purposes, and thus, in people's lives, principles and morals have diminished and lost meaning. An individual with ethical values is interested in the right actions, and he also knows it internally. The individual doing evil acts at the same time may sometimes consider it correct to adjust to the social structure in which he or she lives but has terrible morals. If a person's moral and ethical values have plummeted, he or she will never feel any guilt or anxiety in executing misdeeds or even a severe offense, as is suitable to his or her morals and ethics. Much of the time, it is the context and the way an individual is raised that determines his acts and, thus his morals and ethics.

If we're to see a world with a relatively low rate of violent crime and where all human beings can reside peacefully, we need to look at the values and ethics, our examples, our literature, our talks, and what our religious and political leaders teach. We will shoulder the pressure of making our world and, in turn, transform our planet into a beautiful place where all human beings will lead a life with integrity and dignity without terror in their minds

Use the above essay to answer question one

- a) Using relevant examples from the above case study, highlight the benefit of ethics in the society. (6 marks)
- b) The writer talks of one whose moral values has deteriorated, describe what can be done to help such a person to regain rightful conscience (6 marks)
- c) From the above essay state why social principles and social standards have declined over time. (6 marks)
- d) Describe why Culture and law cannot be the sole standard of morality, give appropriate example from the essay. (6 marks)
- e) Analyze the writer's recommendations on how to lower the rate of crime in the society. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

- a) Justify, should physician assist in euthanasia moral issues. (7 marks)
- b) The society has the responsibility towards conscience formation. Explain ways in which Kenyan government can fulfil this role. (7 marks)
- c) Using relevant example explain the following in Ethics.
 - i) Consequentialism theory
 - ii) Deontologist theory
 - iii) Objectivist theory (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the principles that a County Government can apply to promote development.
(7 marks)
- b) Explain how different types of ethical values can be used in the modern world today.
(7 marks)
- c) Work is basic fundamental aspect of human life, discuss its essential components.
(6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

- a) Explain the factors you would take into account to judge human Acts.
(7 marks)
- b) Explain how injustices have contributed to poverty in Africa.
(7 marks)
- c) Discuss ways in which children can fulfil their moral obligations to the parents.
(6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze internal factors influencing human Acts.
(6 marks)
- c) Basing on the Platonian virtues, examine how the Youth can practice the moral virtues to cope up with modern challenges.
(6 marks)
- c) Drug abuse is unethical, even if it is to be legalized. Discuss.
(8 marks)