



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APS 424: PROFESSIONAL ISSUES AND ETHICS

DATE: 19/10/2020

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explore four reasons why counselors and psychologists should be encouraged to belong to a counselling association. (8 marks)
- b) Explain five limitations of codes of ethics. (10 marks)
- c) Describe the contents of the informed consent form. (6 marks)
- d) Explain the importance of confidentiality in a counselling relationship. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) “Counsellors are not free of values and attitudes that they hold on certain ideas in life, but they should not impose them on their clients”. Discuss four measures that a counsellor may take to avoid imposing their values on the client. (8 marks)
- b) Clearly differentiate between mandatory and inspirational ethics. (4 marks)
- c) Explain four different types of dual relationships in counselling. (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following ethical principles as they apply to the counselling profession. (8 marks)
 - i) Non maleficence
 - ii) Justice
 - iii) Fidelity
 - iv) Integrity

- b) Analyze six factors that may influence multicultural counselling in Kenya. (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss four precautions that psychologists can take to protect themselves against unwarranted claims of sexual misconduct. (8 marks)
- b) “Supervision is important to all practitioners in maintaining their professional and ethical practice”. Discuss. (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Difference between ethics and law. (4 marks)
- b) In your opinion, explain some guidelines may help practitioners in addressing multicultural issues in counselling. (10 marks)
- c) Discuss three ethical guidelines in carrying out research. (6 marks)