



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY**

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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: PMFT712

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED LAW A& ETHICS

EXAM DATE: FRIDAY 16th AUGUST 2019

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 5:30PM-8:30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- *Write clearly and legibly.*
- Answer **Question ONE** and any other **THREE** questions
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

QUESTION ONE: COMPULSORY

- a. The practice of Marriage and Family Therapy necessitates a therapist to be conversant with some basic legal provisions that deal with marriage and family issues. Discuss any three propositions in support of this statement. (12 marks)
- b. Illustrate in four ways how informed consent can become an “ongoing process” during Therapy sessions with a family (8 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a. Critically analyze any three goals that ethics serve in the practice of Marriage and Family Therapy. (6 marks)
- b. Describe any four cardinal considerations that a Marriage and Family Therapist must take into account prior to commencing therapy or supervision services through electronic means. (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a. John and Joseph have come to you for pre marital therapy for their upcoming same sex marriage. Enumerate four aspects you will have in consideration in the therapy sessions (4 Marks)
- b. State any three professional standards that govern the conduct of research for Marriage and family therapists (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a. Explain any four instances in which Marriage and Family Therapists may accept goods and services from clients in return for services rendered. (4 marks)
- b. Outline three instances of responsibility for Marriage and family therapists that advance the welfare of families and individuals (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a. Analyze any two aspects that Marriage and Family Therapists must consider in respect of accepting gifts from clients (4 marks)
- b. Arthur is a couples and family therapist in a group practice with several other practitioners. The practice is owned by a psychiatrist who operates the finances of the practice with the other therapists using a 75/25 ‘split’ to cover office rental, utilities, and billing. The psychiatrist has a staff in charge of the billing and the distribution of any income. Majority of Arthur’s clients were families with school-age children who had sub-clinical adjustment disorders and ‘parent-child conflicts’. The billing staff and the psychiatrist discussed with Arthur that if he could diagnose the children in the family with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Depression, then insurance companies would be more likely to pay for the sessions, which would mean more money for him and the practice. In fact, when he first joined the practice the psychiatrist offered to adjust Arthur’s split to 80/20

if he would refer the 'identified patients' to him so that he could at least charge for a diagnostic session. Arthur stated that he did not feel comfortable with this arrangement and declined this option. Highlight any three ethical issues that this case presents. (6 marks)