



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

END OF TERM EXAMINATION (JANUARY TO APRIL 2025)

CAMPUS: ONLINE

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: PMFM 913

COURSE TITLE: FAMILY MEDIATION

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INSTRUCTIONS

- **Read all questions carefully before attempting.**
- **Section A is Compulsory**
- **Answer any TWO questions in Section B**

SECTION A: COMPULSORY- (20 MARKS)

Question 1

Read the case study below and answer all the questions in this section.

A large Christian family faced a dispute over a complex inheritance structure involving multiple properties and businesses. Different family members had varying degrees of involvement in the family businesses, leading to disagreements over who should control what. The Church leadership has referred them to you to help them understand the process of family mediation.

- a. Discuss two aspects of the Biblical concept of family mediation that may be impactful to the family members. **(4 marks)**
- b. Assess with the family any two possible outcomes of the mediation. **(4 marks)**
- c. Explain three reasons that you would provide to the family as to how family mediation may be advantageous to help resolve this dispute rather than taking the matter to court. **(6 marks)**
- d. Describe any three stages that the process of the family mediation may take. **(6 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION (20 MARKS)

QUESTION 2

- a. Evaluate two barriers that may arise and negatively affect a family mediation process. **(4 marks)**
- b. Analyze three preliminary aspects that the mediator needs to take into account before the commencement of a mediation session. **(6 marks)**

QUESTION 3

- a. Examine two important reason for having a mediation assessment meeting for families. **(4 marks)**
- b. Explore three ethical considerations in family mediation. **(6 marks)**

QUESTION 4

- a. Illustrate in two ways how a mediator should handle situations where one party dominates the conversation. **(4 marks)**
- b. Articulate three key skills required for an effective family mediator. **(6 marks)**

QUESTION 5

- a. Enumerate two goals that make caucus an important step in the mediation process **(4 marks)**
- b. Analyze three pitfalls that a mediator must avoid during a faith based family mediation session. **(6 marks)**

