



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

END OF TERM EXAMINATION (JANUARY – MARCH 2022)

CAMPUS: ONLINE

DEPARTMENT: COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: MCP 509 AND MFT 507

COURSE TITLE: *ETHICAL, LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL ISSUES IN PRACTICE*

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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

- a) Len is a 34-year-old single gay man who has been seeing you as a psychologist monthly for the last 4 months. He has confided in you, shared his personal and sexual history and his intimate relationships, particularly the break up with his longtime partner, John. John is also seeing you to process the break up. Recently, Len was diagnosed with HIV and over the next few months, his health rapidly declined and wants to end his life using medication he has with him. Len has requested if you would sit with him and hold his hand while he dies, given the long term trust he had developed in you. John, Len's ex-partner, wants to see Len before he dies but his efforts to contact Len have gone unanswered.
- i. Describe any two steps you would take to explore with Len to address the ethical dilemma arising from this case **(4 Marks)**
 - ii. Discuss any three professional issues that this scenario presents. **(6 marks)**
- b) Analyze any two ethical standards you would observe during therapy with a client. **(4 Marks)**
- c) Explain any three situations where there may be a risk of boundary violation in the delivery of psychological services to clients. **(6 Marks)**

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

Question 2

- a) Discuss two possible actions that a professional body should take against a psychologist after investigating a successful complaint filed by a client **(4 Marks)**
- b) Describe any three components of competence for a psychologist in practice. **(6 Marks)**

Question 3

- a) Explain any two ethical considerations that a psychologist must explore with a client when providing therapy via electronic transmission or other forms of communication. **(4 Marks)**
- b) Discuss any three circumstances under which a therapist may share a client's information with other parties without it being a breach of the professional Code of Ethics. **(6 Marks)**

Question 4

- a) Describe two obligations for a psychologist in providing services in emergencies. **(4 Marks)**
- b) Analyze three aspects of an informed consent. **(6 Marks)**

Question 5

- a) Discuss any three reasons why psychologists must keep proper clients' records. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain two ethical requirements for the use of deception as a research design by a psychologist. (4 Marks)