



**PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

**END OF TERM EXAMINATION (JANUARY TO APRIL 2025)**

**CAMPUS: ONLINE**

**DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE: PMFT 712**

**COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED ETHICS AND LAW**

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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.**

Michael, a marriage and family therapist, has been providing therapy to 12-year-old Daniel for anxiety following his parents' divorce. During therapy, Daniel expresses distress about his mother Sarah who is dating someone outside their religious faith. Michael is also a court-appointed child evaluator in the case and has been requested by the court to provide a custody evaluation report. Michael, who shares Sarah's religious background, includes in his custody report to the court that Daniel's anxiety is linked to his mother's "departure from religious values," suggesting that the father, who remains in the faith, should have primary custody.

- a. Examine two ways as to how the therapist would have ethically dealt with the request from the court for him to carry out the evaluation for custody. **(4 marks)**
- b. Illustrate two major conflicts that the therapist exhibited in providing the evaluation report in respect of the custody for the child. **(4 marks)**
- c. Discuss three ethical concerns that this case study raises in accordance with the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Code of Ethics. **(6 Marks)**
- d. Explain three ethical duties owed to each of the parents and the child in this case by the therapist. **(6 marks)**

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

### **QUESTION 2**

- a. Describe two ways in which a therapist may handle reporting on matters of abuse as disclosed by a client which abuse is perpetuated by another family member who is not in therapy. **(4 marks)**
- b. Analyze three ethical approaches that therapists should utilize to address generational conflicts in families where children adopt values that differ from their parents' expectations. **(6 marks)**

### **QUESTION 3**

- a. Evaluate two interventions that a therapist may utilize to de-escalate a heated argument during a family therapy session. **(4 Marks)**
- b. Explore three techniques that a therapist can ethically utilize to make spirituality helpful in ethical treatment of families. **(6 Marks)**

### **QUESTION 4**

- a. Articulate any two strategies to ethically handle the issue of a gift presented to a therapist in a family therapy session by one family member. **(4 Marks)**

- b. Explain any three ways in which a therapist may deal with the issue of individual secrets in a family therapy. **(6 marks)**

**QUESTION 5**

- a. Assess two important ethical considerations that may make a therapist to consider individual sessions as opposed to joint family sessions in Marriage and Family Therapy. **(4 Marks)**
- b. Discuss three emerging areas that may pose serious ethical challenges to a therapist in the practice of Marriage and Family Therapy. **(6 Marks)**