

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2010

SO 3809 - BIO-MEDICAL ETHICS AND LAW

Date & Time: 26/04/2010 / 9:00 - 12:00 Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

Answer **all** the questions in about 30 words each: (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

1. What is Hospice Care?
2. Highlight the importance of Nuremberg Trials in Biomedical ethics.
3. What are the limits to personal choice?
4. Explain “Extension Doctrine” in informed consent.
5. Explain Euthanasia By Omission.
6. What is Medical negligence?
7. Define personhood.
8. What is surrogate decision making?
9. Write a note on Women’s right on her body.
10. What should family members and health care professionals do, if a patient refuses treatment that promises to be medically helpful?

PART – B

Answer any **FIVE** questions in about **300** words each: (5 x 8 = 40 marks)

11. State the need for respecting religious and cultural values of the patient, while working for “beneficent” treatment.
12. When is overriding a patient’s autonomous preference or medical paternalism justified?
13. Bring out the difference between Teleology and deontology ethics.
14. Euthanasia can become a means of health care cost containment – comment.
15. If a patient presents to the Emergency Department in a state in which limb amputation is the only option to avoid sepsis and death, and if consent cannot be obtained due to the fact that the patient is unconscious and cannot speak for her/himself, what is the appropriate action that should be taken? What is legally correct?
16. List out the problems of “Pregnancy at any Cost” through Artificial Reproductive Technology.
17. How can grounding in ethics and law help resolve dilemmas in medical decision making?

PART – C

Answer any **TWO** questions in about 1200 words each: (2 x 20 = 40 Marks)

18. Highlight the ethical issues of Abortion, Organ transplant and use of biotechnology on human beings.
19. Trace the Evolution of biomedical ethics with historical facts.
20. What are some of the medical ethics dilemmas that are currently being discussed in the newspaper and other media? Critically evaluate the role of ethical committees and Law in resolving these problems.
21. Discuss the nature and scope of Bio-Medical ethics in the study of health and diseases, and discuss the role of medical sociologist in promoting ethical values and norms in health care setup.
