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**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MASTR OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING**

NUOP 843: PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES IN CANCER CARE

STREAMS: MSC (NURS) Y2T1

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 31/03/2021

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions
- Do not write on the question paper
- Mobile phones and any other reference materials are NOT allowed in the examination room

QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY) – 40 MARKS

- (a) Discuss two (2) models of psychosocial care in terminal illness [10 marks]
- (b) Discuss the role of spiritual care in oncology nursing [10 marks]
- (c) Describe three (3) bioethical categories that may be adopted in palliative practice [12 marks]
- (d) Describe four (4) advantages of the shared decision making model in palliative care [8 marks]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Define the terms compassion fatigue and burnout among healthcare workers in palliative care settings [6 marks]
- (b) Describe an implementation program to prevent burnout and compassion fatigue among hospice workers [15 marks]
- (c) State three (3) main characteristics of palliative care programs [9 marks]

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QUESTION 3

- (a) Describe three common psychological problems in palliative care patients [9 marks]
- (b) Describe the concept of cultural diversity in understanding terminal illness [10 marks]
- (c) Using the explanatory model of illness, state eleven (11) culturally sensitive questions that the oncology nurse may post to a palliative care patient [11 marks]

QUESTION 4

- (a) Describe five (5) roles of the oncology nurse in family conferences for a terminally ill patient [10 marks]
 - (b) Using a model of your choice, describe how you facilitate a terminally ill patient to process grief [10 marks]
 - (c) Describe how Kenya have a robust health care infrastructure for the terminally ill [10 marks]
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