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**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ONCOLOGY AND
PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING**

NUOP 846: MANAGEMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE HEALTH SERVICES

STREAMS: Y2S1

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE :

Instructions

Answer all the questions

Question One

Making appropriate and evidence-based decisions during the care of patients with terminal illnesses is one of the common challenges encountered by healthcare providers in palliative care settings:

- a) Discuss four (4) common considerations for effective decision making in palliative care (16 Marks)
- b) Discuss the importance of patient and/or family involvement in palliative care decision making (9 Marks)

Question Two

Appropriate human resource planning is imperative to the successful delivery of patient care across varied clinical settings:

- a) Discuss the attributes of an effective team leader in a palliative care setting (12 Marks)
- b) Discuss the specific roles played by each member of the palliative care team (13 Marks)

Question Three

The demand for palliative care services is ever increasing globally especially among the developing countries due to the increasing numbers of patients with terminal illnesses:

- a) Describe three potential causes of increased terminal illnesses in the developing countries (9 Marks)
- b) Discuss four (4) major challenges impeding palliative care provision in Kenya (16 marks)

Question Four

Professional nurses often face challenges during the delivery of palliative care services. Discuss the causes and appropriate management of challenges faced by nurses in the following clinical care situations:

- a) Older patient (5 Marks)
 - b) Pediatric patient (5 Marks)
 - c) Dying patient (5 Marks)
 - d) Patients' family (5 Marks)
 - e) Abandoned patient (5 Marks)
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