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

**NUOP 846: MANAGEMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE HEALTH SERVICES**

**STREAMS: Y2S1**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE : THURSDAY 15/07/2021**

**11.30 A.M – 2.30 P.M**

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**Instructions**

**Answer all the questions**

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**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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