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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS IN PSYCHOLOGY
PLU3204 – ETHICS IN PSYCHOLOGY – LEVEL 3
CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST I - NBT 1
DURATION: ONE HOUR

DATE: 03rd AUGUST 2019

TIME: 09.00AM – 10.00 AM

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS/ INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES

- This question paper consists of **12 pages** with **20 Multiple Choice Questions (Part A)** and **12 Short Answer Questions (Part B)**.
- Write your Registration Number in the space provided.
- Answer **ALL** questions.
- **Multiple Choice Questions (Part A):** Indicate answers in the answer sheet provided by placing a cross (X) in **INK** in the relevant cage (answers in pencil will **NOT** be marked)
- **Short Answer Questions (Part B):** Write answers within the space provided.
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- 1 What term is used for the permission given to carry out therapy or to collect research data once all the details are made available to the potential candidate?
 - a Consensus
 - b Acknowledgement
 - c Disclaimant
 - d Informed Consent

- 2 What is the moral development level of a child who is nice to a sibling because s/he is afraid of the mother's reaction, if s/he was not pleasant to the sibling?
 - a. Pre-conventional
 - b. Conventional
 - c. Post-conventional
 - d. None of the above

- 3 Identify the most accurate statement from the given below.
 - a Values refer to social and community standards of right and wrong conduct
 - b Morals are set of principles and beliefs regarding right or wrong conduct
 - c Culture determines the ethical standards adhered in research studies
 - d Universal ethical standards are known to be aspirational in nature

- 4 Which of the following is a good practice in relation to being ethically responsible towards different cultures?
 - a. Recognizing that traditional ways of providing help are sufficient
 - b. Reading about a client's rituals, language and belief systems
 - c. Assuming a client wants to assimilate into the dominant culture
 - d. Developing a profile of a certain culture and to using it as a standard

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- 5 Which of these is would be an instance where a therapist could breach confidentiality?
- When a client is involved in an immoral trade activity
 - When a client expresses that s/he wishes to self-harm
 - When a client wants to leave their current employment position
 - When a client explains that s/he is in an extra marital relationship
- 6 To which level of moral reasoning does 'Interpersonal concordance stage' belongs to ?
- Pre-conventional
 - Conventional
 - Post-conventional
 - None of the above
- 7 Identify the term used by healthcare providers when they use a treatment upon a person without their consent but due to their limited autonomy or diminished capacity
- Medical Authoritarianism
 - Medical Paternalism
 - Professional Absolutism
 - Medical Deception
- 8 Complete the sentence with the most appropriate from the given below.
According to beneficence is not a general obligation, but a role-specific duty and is institutionally or culturally assigned.
- Kantian Principles
 - Gert's Principles
 - Utilitarian Principles
 - Hume's Philosophy

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- 9 A healthy young man has been sent to prison for life, due to a series of crimes he has committed. In a hospital nearby, five individuals need organ donations in order to survive. The young prisoner is a perfect match for all five patients. The jury decides to pass a death sentence upon this young man, in order to use his organs and save the five lives.

Which of the following can be used to justify this decision?

- a Kantian Principles
 - b Gert's Principles
 - c Utilitarian Principles
 - d Hume's Philosophy
- 10 Which of the following is not included in Beauchamp and Childress's ethical principles?
- a Autonomy
 - b Beneficence
 - c Equality
 - d Justice
- 11 According to the Philosopher Kant, the moral worth of an action depends on which of the following?
- a The moral character of the performer
 - b The consequences of the action
 - c The maxim that is acted on
 - d All the above actions

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- 12 Which of the following principles explain about acting with the best interest of the other in mind
- a Autonomy
 - b Beneficence
 - c Non-maleficence
 - d Justice
- 13 In which of the following would a “dual relationship” occur?
- a When there is a competitive nature between the client and the therapist during the therapeutic relationship
 - b When a powerful person interacts in two different roles with an individual who is less powerful and the potential for exploitation or harm exists
 - c When there is a similarity between how the client perceives the helper and how the helper perceives the client
 - d When there is a helper and s/he reminds the client of another important person in her or his life
- 14 Kamal is a 25-year-old male with moderate intellectual disability. He needs psychotherapeutic help. What is the best course of action in order to obtain consent for the therapeutic procedure?
- a Make an informed assumption that Kamal has no capacity to consent and obtain consent from her guardian
 - b Obtain consent from Kamal regardless of the guardians consent, as he is considered as an adult
 - c Assess Kamal’s capacity to consent by standard tests and obtain consent from Kamal and the guardian based on the test outcomes
 - d Consult a professional in the relevant field and ask that person to give consent on behalf of Kamal as he is disabled

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- 15 According to the Philosopher Kant, which of these is considered as the basis of morality concept?
- a Charity
 - b Fairness
 - c Piety
 - d Freedom
- 16 Which of the following is/are acceptable when it comes to maintaining privacy and confidentiality?
- a Maintaining a code system when filing client records rather than using actual names
 - b Divulging only the necessary information when preparing insurance claim reports
 - c Discussing necessary client details with supervisors if unsure of how to handle the case
 - d All the above-mentioned actions are necessary to maintain privacy and confidentiality
- 17 Following strict ethical guidelines in psychology is important. Which of the following provides a justified explanation for this statement?
- a Psychology deals with moral issues that can affect some groups
 - b Ethical practices are rules and rules should be broken
 - c Psychologists or researchers has a legal obligation to act ethically
 - d Ethics can be important to maintain the academic standard
- 18 Consulting with colleagues and documenting the decision-making process; conceptualizing the therapeutic benefit of your decision and recording the outcome in therapy notes are essential tasks. From the following list when are all these actions necessary?
- a When referring a client to a more culturally sensitive therapist
 - b When reporting suspected abuse and/or illegal activity
 - c When the therapist is not competent enough to handle the client alone
 - d All the above events require these essential actions mentioned

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- 19 Anoja is a Psychologist specializing in anxiety and mood-related illnesses. Because of her religious faith she feels uncomfortable about issues of homosexuality. Which of the following statement is true?
- a To be a good Psychologist, she should take a totally liberal standing abandoning all religious and cultural associations
 - b Anoja must refer any homosexual client she gets to someone else, who is more experienced and comfortable in discussing matters related to it
 - c Anoja has a professional obligation to treat every client that comes to her so she should abandon her religious views
 - d None of the above are actions that can be justified for her issues with such client
- 20 Nishantha is a counselor who has been invited to present a case to a professional forum about a client whose condition is unique. He obtains permission from the client but removes any information that can be used to identify the client from his presentation. Which of the following is a principle that Nishantha uses for this case presentation?
- a Confidentiality
 - b Anonymity
 - c Justice
 - d Autonomy

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ANSWER SHEET FOR PART A

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PART B: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

WRITE ANSWERS WITHIN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

- 1 Briefly explain when it is justifiable to deceive the participant about the objective of the research.**

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- 2 List two precautionary measures a psychologist can take to avoid malpractice.**

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- 3 Briefly explain two methods that can be employed to ensure beneficence and non-maleficence.**

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- 4 Briefly explain about the concept of autonomy using Erikson's Theory of Psychosocial Development**

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- 5 State four client categories that may lack capacity to consent.**

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- 6 A 17-year old boy is experiencing distress due to bullying in school. The teacher recommends counselling to this adolescent. If you were the counsellor, how would you gain consent from him or on behalf of this client?**

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- 7 A 33-year old woman is diagnosed with schizophrenia. She is currently living with her mother who is her primary carer. What is the course of action you will take to obtain permission to admit this person to a care facility?

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- 8 Explain two instances where a Counsellor/Psychologist can breach confidentiality

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- 9 Explain two reasons why the Tea-room Trade Study was considered unethical

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- As a psychologist, what are some active steps you can take to ensure the
- 10 maintenance of professional competence?

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- 11 State two professional challenges faced by Psychologists in Sri Lanka currently.**

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- 12 Briefly define what is reflective practice and give two reasons for its' importance.**

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