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BSC HONS IN PSYCHOLOGY
PLU3204 :ETHICS IN PSYCHOLGOY- LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2018/2019
DURATION: 02 HOURS

DATE: 30th November 2019 TIME: 01.30pm-03.30pm

SECTION 2: ESSAY QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

Choose 04 out of the 06 questions given below and answer using the provided answer sheets

1 **In psychological practice and research maintaining confidentiality becomes an important consideration. Read following sentences and explain how confidentiality is maintained in each setting by the practitioner/researcher.**

a) In a therapy setting as a counsellor (5 marks)

b) Conducting a research project as the main investigator (5 marks)

c) Training staff members as an elderly care home manager (5 marks)

2 **Culture and ethics interact and sometimes it can create problems for practitioners and researchers.**

a) Describe the three conditions that convert a situation into an ethical dilemma (7 marks)

b) Explain the main four dimensions of culture according to the model proposed by Geert Hofstede. Provide examples as necessary. (8 marks)

3 **Beauchamp and Childress presented four main principles that should be adhered when maintaining ethical standard of a practice or a profession.**

a) Briefly explain which of these principles would be violated when recommending a harmful intervention knowingly or unknowingly to a client? (6 marks)

b) Identify and discuss about the characteristics of three groups of individuals who are considered as exceptions when autonomy principle is considered (9 marks)

4 **Research ethics require researchers to provide information sheets for participants as they should have a good understanding of the task and conditions of the research.**

a) Briefly describe the connection between an informed consent and an information sheet provided in a research study (5 marks)

b) Discuss five items that must be included an information sheet used for research projects (10 marks)

5 **Nadun is a 32-year-old man who is diagnosed with severe intellectual impairments. He has been under the care of his parents all his life. He has been attending a vocational training programme for adults with intellectual disabilities for the past five years. You are a supervisor of this programme. You are a trained and certified psychologist who has been working with clients like Nadun for the past decade. Recently, he has displayed self-harming behaviour. You notice this during your training-center visit and discuss with his parents, the possibility of bringing him in for extra therapy session. You also discuss the possibility of placing him under medication and if the behaviour doesn't improve, a residential facility where he can be assisted 24/7. Nadun's parents deny that he has any problem and refuse to take your advice.**

a) What are the key factors that need to be considered if you reflect on this case? (5 marks)

b) Compare and contrast the action that is considered as the best outcome for this patient from the psychologists' perspective and the parent's perspective. Explain your answer using ethical concepts and principles. (10 marks)

6 **Write short answers on any THREE of the following** (3 x 5 marks)

a) Ethics and Morality
b) Harry Harlow's research and ethics
c) Social media and research experiments
d) Goldwater rule of APA code
e) Human rights and ethics in psychology practice
f) Boundaries of competence in Psychology profession

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