

Murang'a University of Technology
SIT 405 – Professional Practice & Ethics

Group Assignment

To be submitted in softcopy with a list of group members

In groups of five (5) discuss the following questions

Question 1

- a) Describe the meaning of intellectual property right. Highlight the need for intellectual property right. (3 marks)
- b) Outline challenges posed by internet to intellectual property rights. (3 marks)
- c) Explain why it's difficult to defend intellectual property right in the current time of digital world. (2 marks)
- d) Distinguish between copyright and trademarks in terms of their provisions (2 marks)

Question 2

- a) Identify the strengths and weaknesses of relevant professional codes as expressions of professionalism and guides to decision-making. (6 marks)
- b) Summarize the basic concepts of relativism, utilitarianism, and deontological theories. (4 marks)

Question 3

- a) Using examples, explain how current advancements in information technology has created an ethical and legal dilemma that would not have existed before the advent of information technology. (4 marks)
- b) Assess the strengths and drawbacks of ethics in the current digital society. (3 marks)
- c) Examine the provision of *fair use* in copyright law, provide a relevant example, and explain the factors are considered when determining if something constitutes fair use (3 marks)