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Code and Name of Course: **INFO 3425 – Professional Ethics and Law**

Paper:

Date and Time: *Thursday 5th May 2016* 1 p.m. Duration: **2 Hours**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: This paper has **3** pages and **4** questions

Answer all questions



Total Marks: 60

Question #1

- a) What is **ethics**? How *is it different from law*? How are they related? [3 marks]
- b) Give an example of something that is **not ethical** but **is not illegal**. [2 marks]
- c) Explain three (3) of the four (4) **Great Principles of Justice** as proposed by Wiener. [6 marks]
- d) Using an example, explain how *all three categories of ethics* can be used in a workplace scenario to come to a decision. [6 marks]
- e) What is the difference between a public record and public information? [2 marks]
- f) Discuss four (4) ways in which your intellectual property can be protected. For each discuss the advantages and disadvantages. [12 marks]
- g) What is a denial-of-service attack? [3 marks]
- h) A **Code of Ethics**, and an **Acceptable Use Policy** are two very important artifacts in a company or department. Briefly explain *what each artifact is* and *why it would be beneficial* for a company or department to have each. [6 marks]

Total Marks: 40

Question #2

Jim and Nancy Sullivan are proud parents of a baby girl. Nancy was on maternity leave but now has returned to her full-time job and they have hired a nanny after interviewing her and calling a couple of references. Jim and Nancy's friends tell them horror stories about abusive nannies and they recommend a software program called LiveSecurityWatch that would let them monitor what's happening at home from a remote computer. Jim and Nancy purchase LiveSecurityWatch and install it on a laptop computer placed in the family room. With the system



in place Jim and Nancy can use their workplace computers to see and hear how the nanny interacts with their baby. The nanny has no idea that the Sullivan's computer is being used as a surveillance system.

Is it wrong for Jim and Nancy to secretly monitor the behavior of their nanny? Your discussion should involve at least two ethical theories.

[9 marks]

Total Marks: 9

Question #3

When Apple began selling music through the iTunes Music Store all of the songs were protected with a Digital Rights Management (DRM) scheme called FairPlay. FairPlay clocked users from freely exchanging music they had purchased by preventing songs from being played on more than five computers or being copied onto CDs more than seven times. FairPlay had two other "features" that were strong incentives for consumers to stick with the Apple brand: music purchased from the iTunes store couldn't be played on portable devices other than the Apple iPod and DRM-protected music purchased from other online retailers could not be played on iPod.

- a) What is **Digital Rights Management** and why is it *important*? [4 marks]
- b) Is Apple ethically correct in its approach? Discuss. [3 marks]

Total Marks: 7

Question #4

- a) Identify **one** issue in Global Education and discuss its possible effects. Give a possible solution to help alleviate the situation. Your answer should try to satisfy all stakeholders. [4 marks]

Total Marks: 4

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