

UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY-MASAKA CAMPUS
INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS-FINAL ASSESSMENT
2023-2024: YEAR 1: BAM; ICT; EDUC
DATE: 11th December 2023
TIME: 9:30 am-12:30 pm

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READ CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

1. This paper has two sections: A & B
2. Choose only Two questions from section A.
3. All questions in Section A carry equal marks
4. The question in Section B is Compulsory
5. Your answers should be written in an essay format. Avoid numbering or bulleting your answers.
6. Giving relevant examples will make your points more under stable

SECTION A. CHOOSE ONLY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION (30 marks each).

1. Frank and Bobby are freshmen at Uganda Martyrs University. Both of them are taking Bachelor of Science in Economics and Statistics and they are roommates. The two got off to a bad start academically. They are experiencing the freedom of living on their own for the first time. No parents are around to make sure they are keeping up with their homework assignments or readings. In fact, since Frank and Bobby are both in the same program, they often take turns going to class. It started off with the boys alternating going to class, but eventually turned into both boys often skipping.

One evening, midway through the semester, Frank and Bobby run into a classmate who informs them they have a midterm the next morning. They successfully get her class notes; however, they soon realize they don't have enough time to study unless they pull an all-nighter.

Bobby doesn't believe he can stay up all night and still perform well on the test the next morning. He decides that it's in his best interest to create a cheat sheet and equations into his calculator. Frank is against cheating. He calls out Bobby, saying that this is unethical. Instead, he (Frank) buys two Adderall pills from a student in their dorm who has ADD. He has heard that taking Adderall helps you stay awake and focus.

Bobby gets upset when he finds out Frank is taking Adderall to study. Bobby claims that there is no difference between taking a drug that isn't prescribed to you to help you study and bringing in a cheat sheet. Bobby says they are both forms of cheating. Frank disagrees, claiming that at least he's going through the process of studying for the midterm.



Questions

- a. Do you believe taking an academic performance-enhancing drug that isn't prescribed to you is cheating? Elaborate (15 marks)
 - b. If so, is it cheating to the same degree as blatantly bringing a cheat sheet to your examination? (8 marks)
 - c. What other problems related to relying on academic performance-enhancing drugs to study do you foresee in long term? (7 marks)
- 2.
- a. Describe the challenges of living and acting according to one's *Sincere Conscience* in Uganda today? (20 marks)
 - b. Identify the measure of confronting those challenges. (10 marks).
3. Last night while out in a pub with your friends you witnessed Jamil the boyfriend of your best friend Safina kissing a prostitute. When Jamil noticed that you saw him he immediately came over to you to beg you not to tell Safina. He tried to explain that he and Safina have been going through tough times and that kissing a prostitute meant nothing; it was simply a mistake made while caught up in the situation. The next day as you reach your place of work your best friend Safina asks you whether you met Jamil there. Would you tell your best friend Safina what you saw? **Justify your position.**

SECTION B. THIS QUESTION IS COMPULSORY (40 marks)

4. Your brother Paddy has been married to Cynthia for the last seven years and they are blessed with two children. Last year, Paddy got involved in sexual relationships with Patience, a second-year undergraduate student at one of the public universities in Uganda. About three months ago, Paddy mistakenly sent SMS message to Cynthia which was meant for Patience. In the message, Paddy expressed his happiness knowing that Patience was pregnant with his child. He was assuring her of his continual financial support.
- Having received the message, Cynthia immediately approached Paddy to ascertain the truth of the matter. Paddy remorsefully accepted being in relationship with Patience, but he profoundly apologized to Cynthia and promised to end the relationship immediately. Cynthia however, is uncompromising. She is becoming violent and determined to divorce Paddy. Paddy is confused. He does not know what to do, as each new day makes Cynthia aggressive and inconsolable-ready to divorce him.
- Two days ago, Cynthia presented her conditions to Paddy: he either accepts divorce or forces Patience to terminate pregnancy. In his dilemma, Paddy comes to you for guidance.
- a. Evaluate Cynthia's demand to have the pregnancy terminated if she is to revoke divorce demand. (15 marks)
 - b. Following **Either** the moral theory of Deontology **OR** Virtue ethics how must your brother Paddy address this situation? (25 marks)

Good Luck and Merry Christmas