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HUL 304: Professional Ethics
1st Sessional Exam

Semester- I (CSE-DSA)

Marks: 15 Duration: 60 Min

Time: 11AM – 12PM Date: 20.12.2022

Important Instructions:

This question paper comprises total 3 questions.

• All the questions are compulsory.

Que. 1. What do you understand by values, morality, and ethics? In what way is it important to be professional along with being ethically competent? Discuss with appropriate examples.

(CO1) (5 Marks)

Que. 2. Study the following case study and answer the following questions.

(CO2) (5 Marks)

Lawyers have a professional duty to preserve the confidentiality of the information they gain while representing a client. They are also supposed to act in the best interests of their client. In one case, a lawyer represented a defendant in a case involving injuries from a car accident. The claimant was badly hurt but recovering. To determine the extent of the current injury, the claimant agreed to be examined by a doctor hired by the defendant's lawyer. The doctor discovered that the claimant had a heart problem, which was almost certainly caused by the accident, and forwarded this information to the lawyer. The heart problem was serious and could cause further injury to the claimant, but the lawyer did not disclose this information to the claimant, because he was representing the defendant and disclosing this unknown injury could increase the amount the defendant would have to pay to the claimant in settlement negotiations.

a. Discuss whether the behaviour of defendant's lawyer justifiable.

b. Should the claimant's lawyer have requested the results of the examination? Yes

c. Does the claimant's lawyer's failure to do that relieve the defendant's lawyer of responsibility?

d. What a person in an organizational setup should prioritise the professional ethics or general ethics. Justify your answer.

Que. 3. Study the following case study and answer the following questions. (CO2) (5 Marks)

You are a traffic constable and while on duty you see 3 people riding a motorcycle without a helmet and jumping the red signal. On stopping them, you came to know that one of them met with an accident due to potholes and is severely bleeding and due to non-arrival of ambulance they are taking him to the hospital. On further enquiry, you came to know that the driver does not have a driving license and works as day wager. While on his way to work, he found the man lying injured on the road and in a rush to take him to hospital, he left his helmet on the site of an accident. The driver expresses his financial inability to pay increased fines. Recently, due to the enforcement of new Motor Vehicles Act, you are under severe pressure from your seniors for strict enforcement.

- a. What are the ethical issues involve in above case?
- b. What are the options available with you in such a situation?
- c. Suggest the course of action you would have undertaken?