

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**MAIN/NAKURU CAMPUS**

**SECOND SEMESTER, 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER  
SCIENCE/BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/BSC.  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**COMP 420: PROFESSIONAL ETHICS & INFORMATION LAW**

**STREAM: Y4S2**

**TIME: 9.00-11.00AM**

**EXAMINATION SESSION: JAN-APRIL**

**YEAR: 4/04/2019**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- (i) **Question one is compulsory and any other two**
- (ii) **Do not write on the question paper**
- (iii) **Show your working clearly**

**QUESTION ONE: (30 MARKS)**

- a. Explain the importance of upholding code of ethics in an information center **(8 marks)**
- b. In what ways can professionals demonstrate social responsibility? **(5 marks)**
- c. Describe a moral dilemma using a specific professional context **(4 marks)**  
What ethical approaches would one use to resolve the moral dilemma in (a) above? Justify your answer. **(5 marks)**
- d. Various defenses have been developed in response to allegations of breach of copyright. Analyze these defenses **(8 marks)**

**QUESTION TWO: (20 MARKS)**

- a. Define the term morals as used in information profession **(2marks)**
- b. Explain four components of professionalism **(8 marks)**
- c. Identify four ethical values an information professional should possess **(4 marks)**
- d. Compare and contrast the role of regulatory and professional bodies? **(6 marks)**

### QUESTION THREE: (20 MARKS)

- a. Highlight and explain four factors to consider in effective data protection as state in the privacy law (4 marks)
- b. Explain four steps that aids in coping with emerging trends in the provision of information (7 marks)
- c. What is the moral code for Kabarak University and how has it help you as IT person (4 marks)
- d. Discuss the five indicators of inequalities in Garissa (5 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR: (20 MARKS)

- a. State four challenges faced by authors in relation to copyright law in Kenya (2 marks)
- b. A court has the powers to postpone its proceedings in certain circumstances. Analyze the powers that a court has to postpone its proceedings (6 marks)
- c. Come up with a case study on ethical decision making and apply the required code of ethics (6 marks)
- d. Differentiate between the following terms as used in professional ethics:-
  - i. Law and Penal code (2 marks)
  - ii. Professional and Contract (2 marks)
  - iii. Liability and Negligence (2 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE: (20 MARKS)

- a. Outline five effects of corruption in an information center (5 marks)
- b. You have been asked to carry out an ethics audit in Kabarak University and provide a report containing your findings and recommendations.
  - i. List the areas or materials that you would be interested to examine. (5 marks)
  - ii. Suggest and justify five indicators that you would use as criteria for evaluating ethical conformity in the audit? (5 marks)
  - iii. What are the advantages of ethics auditing in work organizations? (5 marks)