

**UNIVERSITY**

**KABARAK**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**MAIN/NAKURU CAMPUS**

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

**EXAMINATION FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE/BMIT/IT**

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

**STREAM: DEGREE TIME:** 2 HRS

**EXAMINATION SESSION : APRIL YEAR:** 2019 **DATE**……………….

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **Question one is compulsory and any other two**
2. **Do not write on the question paper**
3. **Show your working clearly**

**QUESTION ONE: (30 MARKS)**

1. Explain the importance of upholding code of ethics in an information center **(8 marks)**
2. In what ways can professionals demonstrate social responsibility? **(5 marks)**
3. 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)**
4. Various defenses have been developed in response to allegations of breach of copyright. Analyze these defenses **(8 marks)**

**QUESTION TWO: (20 MARKS)**

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

**QUESTION THREE: (20 MARKS)**

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

**QUESTION FOUR: (20 MARKS)**

1. State four challenges faced by authors in relation to copyright law in Kenya **(2 marks)**
2. 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)**
3. Come up with a case study on ethical decision making and apply the required code of ethics **(6 marks)**
4. Differentiate between the following terms as used in professional ethics:-
5. Law and Penal code **(2 marks)**
6. Professional and Contract **(2 marks)**
7. Liability and Negligence **(2 marks)**

**QUESTION FIVE: (20 MARKS)**

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