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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

Date 10-10-2025

Time: 09.30am to 11.00am

School: SOL	Program: B.A.LL. B/BBA LL.B./B. Com LL.B. (Honors)	
Course Code: LAW3027	Course Name: Bio-Ethics and Law	
Semester: IX	Max Marks: 50	Weightage: 25%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4	CO5
Marks	26	24	-	-	-

Instructions:

- (i) *Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
- (ii) *Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.*

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.

5Q x 2M=10M

1	What is the jurisprudential basis of Bioethics?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
2	State what the principle of Justice entails in the context of Bioethics, with reference to fairness in the distribution of risks and benefits of medical research and healthcare.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
3	Explain in brief the significant ethical safeguards laid down in the Declaration of Helsinki (1964) for the protection of human subjects in biomedical research.	2 Marks	L2	CO2
4	Briefly explain how Bioethics has evolved in response to technological advancements in medicine.	2 Marks	L4	CO1
5	State the significance of the WHO Guidelines on Ethical Issues in Public Health and Research.	2 Marks	L2	CO2

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 40M

6.	A. Critically examine the role of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), as embodied in the Geneva Conventions, in establishing ethical norms applicable during situations of armed conflict.	5 Marks	L4	C02
	B. Assess the interface between IHL and the principles of Bioethics, with particular reference to medical neutrality, humane treatment of the wounded, and the protection of vulnerable groups.	5 Marks	L4	

Or

7.	A. A clinical researcher is preparing to conduct human trials for a newly developed vaccine. Drawing upon the Nuremberg Code, identify and explain two fundamental ethical principles that must guide the design and implementation of such trials.	5 Marks	L3	C02
	B. Critically assess the continuing relevance of these principles in the governance of contemporary biomedical research, particularly in relation to participant safety, informed consent, and global ethical standards.	5 Marks	L4	

8.	A. Discuss the ethical and legal implications of administering an emergency-use drug, which lacks full regulatory approval, to patients during the COVID-19 pandemic without obtaining their explicit consent, with particular reference to the principles of informed consent and patient autonomy.	5 Marks	L3	C01
	B. Evaluate how the analysis would differ if the patient were unconscious and no legal guardian or representative were available to provide consent.	5 Marks	L4	

Or

9.	A. In the context of organ donation from a brain-dead donor, examine the potential ethical conflict that may arise between the principle of Autonomy and the principle of non-maleficence.	5 Marks	L3	C01
	B. Analyse how such conflicts impact both the decision-making process of the donor's family and the responsibilities of the medical team involved in end-of-life care and organ retrieval	5 Marks	L4	

10.	A. Examine the statutory and judicially evolved procedure under Indian law for giving effect to a valid living will in the case of an elderly patient in a persistent vegetative state who seeks	5 Marks	L3	C02
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	withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment.			
	B. Cite the Supreme Court precedent that recognized the permissibility of passive euthanasia in India and conferred legal validity upon advance medical directives.	5 Marks	L2	

Or

11.	A. Examine the legal requirements of valid consent in medical treatment under Indian law, with reference to judicial precedents.	5 Marks	L3	C02
	B. Discuss the relevance of informed consent as an ethical cornerstone in bioethics, citing case law such as <i>Samira Kohli v. Dr. Prabha Manchanda</i> (2008).	5 Marks	L4	

12.	A. Explain the central features of the teleological approach in addressing bioethical dilemmas, with reference to its emphasis on consequences and outcomes.	5 Marks	L4	C01
	B. Differentiate between the teleological and deontological perspectives, highlighting their implications for decision-making in bioethics.	5 Marks	L2	

Or

13.	A. Analyse the ethical implications of a hospital disclosing the private medical records of a celebrity COVID-19 patient to the press, from the standpoint of deontological ethics with particular reference to the duty of confidentiality.	5 Marks	L3	C01
	B. Examine the same situation through the lens of virtue ethics, focusing on professional integrity and the moral character expected of healthcare practitioners.	5 Marks	L4	