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## 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.	<b>A.</b> 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	CO2
	<b>B.</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.	<b>A.</b> 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	CO2
	<b>B.</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.	<b>A.</b> 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	CO1
	<b>B.</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.	<b>A.</b> 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	CO1
	<b>B.</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.	<b>A.</b> 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	CO2
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	withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment.			
	<b>B.</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.	<b>A.</b> Examine the legal requirements of valid consent in medical treatment under Indian law, with reference to judicial precedents.	5 Marks	L3	CO2
	<b>B.</b> Discuss the relevance of informed consent as an ethical cornerstone in bioethics, citing case law such as Samira Kohli v. Dr. Prabha Manchanda (2008).	5 Marks	L4	

12.	<b>A.</b> Explain the central features of the teleological approach in addressing bioethical dilemmas, with reference to its emphasis on consequences and outcomes.	5 Marks	L4	CO1
	<b>B.</b> Differentiate between the teleological and deontological perspectives, highlighting their implications for decision-making in bioethics.	5 Marks	L2	
Or				
13.	<b>A.</b> 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	CO1
	<b>B.</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	