



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION - MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2011

SO 3809 - BIO-MEDICAL ETHICS AND LAW

Date : 04-11-2011
Time : 9:00 - 12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Part – A

Write a short note on ALL of the following in about 30 words each (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

1. Belmont report.
2. Ethical Absolutism.
3. Informed consent.
4. Moratoria.
5. Brain Dead.
6. Descriptive ethics.
7. Active euthanasia.
8. Rule consequentialism.
9. Principlism.
10. Biobanking.

Part – B

Answer any Five questions in about 300 words each (5 x 8 = 40 Marks)

11. What is deontology? Why is it called a backward looking ethical theory?
12. What is negative eugenics? What are the methods used in negative eugenics?
13. Is a physician ever obliged to help a patient die? Explain.
14. How is virtue ethics considered as an antidote to the inadequacies of both deontology and consequentialism?
15. Examine the features of reflective equilibrium.
16. What are the ethical issues that discourage a person from donating his/her organs?
17. What is cloning? Examine the ethical issues that are associated with cloning.

Part – C

Answer any Two questions in about 1200 words each (2 x 20 = 40 Marks)

18. Patients who are poor or uninsured may be motivated to enter a clinical trial because of the monetary compensation it offers or because it is the only way for them to receive medical care. Does this amount to coercion? If so, how could it be prevented? If not, is it ethically justifiable?
19. Examine in detail the social, ethical and legal implications of altering human genes.
20. Critically evaluate the ethical rules that govern organ donation.
21. Examine in detail the ethical issues that influence research on human subjects.

