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EXAMINATION PAPER

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries twenty-five (25) marks.
2. Number of marks for part questions are shown in brackets.
3. Start each question on a new page.
4. This paper consists of two (2) pages
5. Answer sheets are provided

Question 1

About a year ago, Revai, a 15 year old girl was raped on her way back from school. She immediately reported the incident to the police and requested emergency contraception to prevent pregnancy. However, due to a chain of delays and miscommunications between the police and medical personnel, she did not receive the necessary treatment within the critical 72-hour window. Consequently, Revai became pregnant and was expelled from school. She later gave birth to a baby boy. Revai feels that everything that happened to her from the time she was raped was an injustice. She is not even able to take care of her child as her father is late and her mother is unemployed. Write an opinion advising Revai on the best course of action.

[25 marks]

Question 2

Discuss the duty of care owed by medical professionals to their patients.

[25 marks]

Question 3

Rich, 14, is suffering a severe loss of blood following an accident. He is carrying a card stating that he will not accept a blood transfusion as he is a Jehovah's Witness. His sister explains that Rich was forced to carry the card as their parents are very strict and committed to their religion, but she thinks that Rich is only doing it to please them and would want to live if he could. The doctors stabilise Rich and consult with him about his wishes. He is drifting in and out of consciousness but tells them that he is scared of dying. Explain the considerations which will be made by the doctors in this situation in order to give their patient the best possible care.

[25 marks]

Question 4

With reference to legal authority, analyse the constitutional right of access to healthcare.

[25 marks]

Question 5

Andile (30) has anorexia nervosa. She knows she may die if she continues to refuse food but believes this is her decision and is prepared to take this risk to get to her ideal weight. Explain the legal and ethical issues which will arise should doctors wish to force-feed Emma to prolong her life.

[25 marks]

Question 6

With the aid of examples explain the relationship between:

- a. Medical law and contract law (5)

- b. Medical law and criminal law (10)
- c. Medical law and the law of delict (10)

[25 marks]

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