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## EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

*For the following qualifications :-*

*LL.B.*

### **LL.B. Part II: Medicine, Ethics and Law**

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## MEDICINE, ETHICS AND THE LAW

Answer **THREE** questions.

1. Evaluate the current status of the *Bolam* principle.
2. Write a case note on:

**EITHER**

(a) *Re A* (the “Conjoined Twins” case);

**OR**

(b) the *Dianne Pretty* case.

3. Do we need a new Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act?
4. Consider the view that, although the abortion debate is usually couched in terms of rights, in English law there are no any rights at all in the context of abortion.
5. Does English law sufficiently protect the learning disabled from involuntary sterilisation?
6. Consider the view that we should not be critical of the retreat from *Gillick*, but rather of the rights conferred upon adolescents by the *Gillick* decision.
7. “The medical malpractice action has failed the victim of clinical errors, the medical profession and the state, and must be replaced.”

Discuss, and evaluate the alternatives to the existing system.

8. Write a brief to the Department of Health on what you consider to be wrong with:

**EITHER**

(a) the current law on organ donation;

**OR**

(b) the current law regulating medical research and experimentation.

9. Does the ruling in the *Bland* case and jurisprudence since that decision adequately protect the patient in a persistent vegetative state?
10. “As far as medical law is concerned, the Human Rights Act 1998 promises much but has delivered very little.”

Discuss critically.

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