

University of London

**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualification:-

*LL.B.*

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

**COURSE CODE : LAWSII17**

**DATE : 18-MAY-05**

**TIME : 10.00**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours 30 Minutes**

## MEDICINE, ETHICS AND THE LAW

Answer **THREE** questions. Where there is an overlap between the answers to questions on this paper and your assessed essay, no credit will be given for mere repetition of material from your assessed essay.

1. Is there a case for medical paternalism?
2. In what circumstances can a child: (a) consent to medical treatment; and (b) refuse to be treated? Is the law satisfactory?
3. Explain the meaning, scope and implications of the *Bolam* principle. Does it continue to have relevance?
4. 'The tort action is a clumsy and inefficient way to compensate those who are injured in medical mishaps.'

Discuss, with particular reference to alternative responses.

5. Many believe that section 13(5) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 is incoherent and value-laden and that it should be removed from the legislation. Are they right or does the provision have any value?
6. Whose rights does the English law of abortion recognise? Is there a case for recognising rights which are not currently recognised?
7. Discuss critically the law on  
**EITHER**  
surrogacy arrangements  
**OR**  
human reproductive cloning.
8. What legal problems do face transplants pose?
9. Discuss critically the legal issues raised in the treatment (including non-treatment) of  
**EITHER**  
the severely disabled newborn baby  
**OR**  
the adult person in a persistent vegetative state.

Explain how you would improve the law and its administration in the example you choose.

10. Should assisted suicide be decriminalised?

**END OF PAPER**