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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualification:–

*LL.B.*

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

**COURSE CODE : LAWSII17**

**DATE : 02–MAY–06**

**TIME : 10.00**

**TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours 15 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 repetition.

1. “The courts in England have accorded too much scope to medical decision-making in relation to the rationing of health care.”

Discuss with particular reference to the remedies open to a person denied treatment and the adequacy of these remedies.

2. In what circumstances can a minor (a) consent to medical treatment and (b) refuse to consent to medical treatment? In your view, is the law satisfactory?

3. “English law purports to believe in patient self-determination but the law on informed consent robs patients of the ability to make truly autonomous choices.”

Discuss, with particular reference to recent developments and proposed alternatives.

4. Answer **EITHER** (a) **OR** (b)

- (a) Discuss the legal difficulties that face injured patients in succeeding with an action for negligence.

**OR**

- (b) Why has the Government sought to introduce a new system for providing redress for clinical negligence? Do you think that the proposals are likely to improve the situation for victims of clinical negligence? What alternatives are there?

5. Answer **EITHER** (a) **OR** (b)

Critically discuss the current law relating to withholding or withdrawing treatment and care in relation to:

- (a) Patients in a persistent vegetative state;

**OR**

- (b) Newborn infants with serious abnormalities.

6. Does English law sufficiently protect people with learning disabilities from involuntary sterilisation?

7. Critically evaluate the current law on abortion and indicate the areas in which you believe the law should be modified.

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8. Answer **EITHER** (a) **OR** (b)

(a) What is the legal status of human cloning in English law?

**OR**

(b) Do we need a new Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act?

9. To what extent is the current law on human organ donation satisfactory?

10. Is it right that English law should refuse to allow those who wish to die to receive assistance from others?

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