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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

Laws C32: Medicine, Ethics and Law

COURSE CODE : LAWSC032

UNIT VALUE : 1.00

DATE : 19-MAY-03

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. EITHER

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

OR

Critically evaluate the legal implications of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis.

2. Why do most claimants in medical negligence actions lose? Is there a better system?
3. Consider the view that English law on consent to medical treatment over-emphasises autonomy and neglects the best interests of the patient and others.
4. Evaluate English law on the preservation of patient-doctor confidences.
5. What is the current status and scope of the *Bolam* principle?
6. 'Obituaries of Roy Jenkins all commented that he had decriminalized abortion in 1967: it would be more appropriate to say that he left the law on abortion in a mess, which subsequent legislation in 1990 only aggravated.' Discuss, indicating how you would you reform the law of abortion?
7. Write a critical evaluation of the law on organ donation as it applies to the dead donor.
8. Is it right that 40 years after removing the criminal sanction from suicide that English law should refuse to allow those who wish to die receive assistance from others?
9. Explain the current law relating to withholding or withdrawing treatment and care in relation to:
either patients in a persistent vegetative state;
or seriously defective newborn children;

and consider whether the law is satisfactory.

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