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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

APPLIED ETHICS

FINAL EXAMINATION

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9:00 am–12:00 Noon (3hrs).

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Read the Following Important Instructions carefully and follow them

- a. The paper has two sections: A and B**
- b. Section A has only one question, it's compulsory and it carries 40 marks**
- c. Section B has three questions and you are required to choose only two questions therein**
- d. Each question in section B carries 30 marks**
- e. Highlighting, numbering or bullet-marking your points is punishable.**
- f. Careless grammatical and spelling mistakes are punishable.**
- g. Your paper must be legible, clean and understandable.**

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION (40 marks)

1. On Monday of the 11th August, 2024 Ugandans were horrified by the “Kiteezi garbage” tragedy that claimed more than 22 lives and left hundreds of people injured and homeless. Responding to this incident, the President of Uganda Mr. Museveni donated 5m shillings to every family that lost its member and 1m to those who were injured.
 - a. Do you consider the Kiteezi tragedy to be a natural disaster or a moral incident? Justify your position.
 - b. Evaluate whether the president’s response to the tragedy is an act of charity or justice.
 - c. Basing yourself on any of the topics that was taught during this course of Applied ethics, explain how such tragedies can be prevented.

SECTION B: CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION (30marks each)

2. Various steps to address global problems such as hunger, refugees and immigrants have been discussed by some economists and politicians. One, made popular by Garrett Hardin pictures the rich countries as a *lifeboat* filled to near capacity. If more people (refugees, immigrants) are pulled in, the *lifeboat* will sink and everyone will drown. In other words, to welcome refugees and migrants is to overload the lifeboat-host country- which can lead to the death of both the citizens of the host country as well as the refugees. For Hardin and those who support his argument, each country is solely responsible for its citizens, the developed nations owe nothing to the developing countries.

Q. With relevant examples, discuss Hardin’s theory of “lifeboat ethics” in relations to the influx of refugee to Uganda.
3. After her graduation with a first-class Master’s Degree in Human Resource Management, Ms. Deborah was granted a high paying job in a Chinese farm that produces rice. Over 50% of the employees on this farm are children who have been drawn from the villages where poverty is a serious issue. In the first meeting with the directors of the farm Ms. Deborah raised this concern and indicated that it’s against the law to employ children. The directors informed her that they are aware of that but based on the factors such as cost effectiveness to the farm as well as helping the families of these children to earn living, they have decided to let the situation of child labour remains as it is. Ms. Debra is in a dilemma of either accepting the well-paying job and cooperate in the farm that exploits the children or abandon the job.
 - a. Explain the moral problems Ms. Deborah faces
 - b. Ethically, what must Deborah do in this situation.
4. Although there are many incidents of stabbing and killing in Uganda, very few are given lesser media coverage like the one concerning the taxman who was stabbed to death on the 4th August allegedly by a Roman Catholic priest. According to the Police report, John Bosco Ngorok of Entebbe International Airport revenue office was stabbed by Rev. Father Dominic Alinga of Moroto Catholic Diocese. Since 4th August when the incident took place, it has received a magnitude coverage by the press almost every day compared to similar incidents committed by a lay person.
 - a. Is a crime committed by a priest intrinsically different from one committed by a lay person? Justify your answer
 - b. Evaluate the argument that priests, lawyers, doctors and diplomats must behave differently compared to other citizens.