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Course Code : PHCC104CCT

Total Marks: 35

Course Title: Research and Publication Ethics

Time:2 Hours

Note : This question paper consists of (3) parts : Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answer each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

Part–A contains (5) compulsory questions of multiple choice/fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries (1) mark. (5x1=5-marks)

Part-B contains (8) questions, of which students are supposed to answer (5) questions. Answer each question in approximately 100 words. Each question carries (4) marks. (5x4=20 marks)

Part-C contains (2) questions, of which students are supposed to answer a (1) question. Answer each question in approximately 250 words. Each question carries (10) marks. (1x10=10 marks)

Part - A

1. Answer all questions.

i. Which ethical framework emphasises the consequences of actions rather than the actions themselves?

- a) Deontological ethics b) Virtue ethics
c) Consequentialism d) Divine command theory

ii. Which of the following best describes a “vulnerable population” in research ethics?

- a) People who are easily accessible for research
b) People who are more susceptible to coercion or harm
c) People who volunteer frequently for research
d) People who are highly educated

iii. When conducting research with children, what additional ethical consideration is most important?

- a) Parental consent only b) Child assent and parental consent
c) Teacher approval d) School administrator permission

iv. The principle of “anonymity” in research differs from “confidentiality” because:

- a) Anonymity means no one can link data to participants, while confidentiality means protecting identifiable information
b) They are the same thing
c) Anonymity is less important than confidentiality
d) Confidentiality only applies to medical research

v. What is “data fabrication” in research?

- a) Analysing data incorrectly b) Creating fake data or results
c) Missing data in research d) Collecting data improperly

Part - B

2. How does plagiarism harm academic integrity?
3. Explain the importance of research data confidentiality.
4. Why must researchers declare conflicts of interest?
5. Explain the purpose of institutional review boards.
6. What constitutes fair authorship in research publications?
7. Why is duplicate publication unethical?
8. Explain the problems with predatory journals.
9. How does peer review maintain research quality?

Part - C

10. Discuss the challenges of detecting and preventing plagiarism.
11. Explore ethical implications of using AI in research.
