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## University Examinations 2023/2024

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR  
OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

### HPR 3127: CRITICAL THINKING AND WRITING

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

*Answer questions in Section A and Two questions in Section B*

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#### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (30 MARKS)

- a) Define and explain the following terms:
- i. Morality (4 marks)
  - ii. Rational (4 marks)
  - iii. Individualism (4 marks)
  - iv. Ambiguity (4 marks)
  - v. Conscience (4 marks)
- b) Explain the two kinds of arguments in relation to logic (2 marks)
- c) Define Deductive reasoning (1 marks)
- d) Define Fallacy of Vagueness (2 marks)
- e) State three basic characteristics of good reasoning (3 marks)
- f) Differentiate between Analogical Arguments and Casual Argument (2 marks)
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## SECTION B (40 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five ways in which arguments from ignorance is presented as a way understanding fallacies. (20 marks)
- b) Assess the role of critical thinking in the medical field showing how this helps in solving problems related to healthcare. (20 marks)
- c) Analyze the nature of man in relation to his/her relationship with social beings highlights criticisms placed on its concept. (20 marks)
- d) Below is a statement that is followed by an argument. You should consider this argument to be true. It is then up to you to determine whether the argument is strong or weak. Do let your personal opinion about the statement play a role in your evaluation of the argument

**Statement:** Germany should no longer use the euro as its currency

**Argument:** No, because that means that the 10 billion Deutschmark that the introduction of euro has cost is money thrown away.

- i. Is this a strong or weak argument? (2 marks)
- ii. Discuss the difference between a strong or weak argument and how to identify each (18 marks)