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# END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS AUGUST 2014 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

COURSE CODE: HRM 807

# COURSE TITLE: COUNSELLING AT THE WORK PLACE

DATE: 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2014

TIME: 2:00P.M.-5:00P.M.

## **INSTRUCTION**

Attempt Questions one as compulsory and any other two (2) questions The examination paper has six questions, you should attempt in total four (3) questions Except question one all other questions carry equal marks Time allowed for the exam is three (3) hours. Observe examination rules and regulations.

#### **Question one.**

Read the case below and answer the questions that follow:

As a human resource manager in a busy Aga-khan hospital, your human resource is a high class of professionals though you too have non professional support staff who report to you. Your attempt to convince the Hospital directors to contract services of a professional counselor for the hospital staff failed for they did not see the need for the counselor. They claim the doctors and nurses are counselors too in their own rights.

One day, Chelimo a hardworking nurse visited your office in tears. She claimed to have been insulted by a doctor that you coincidentally respect so much. She was tense, agitated, depressed, pessimistic and hurting all over. She felt she can't go on in to work any longer; she clearly was at the end of her tether.

On slowly developing a relationship with her, you discover Chelimo's husband left her a year ago to live with another woman. Since then she had been taking her refuge from her loneliness by involving herself in overtime in her stressful job as a nurse in the intensive care unit. She was the only child to her parents who divorced when she was in Std six.

To receive this information was no easy task. But as a good listener you managed. There was no need to refer her to a counselor for she had no money to pay and the hospital doesn't pay for such. She went through the stages successfully and a happy Chelimo emerged. The doctor was not apologetic but rather sympathetic to her. She later found a friend in the doctor and as understanding helper. They now spend long hours with the doctor outside work hours as genuine friends, she has complete trust in the doctor friendship.

- (a) As a human resource manager, you encounter such issues that distruct your principle role, In trying to convince the directors the necessity of engaging a professional counselor for the hospital, Explain the importance of employee counseling and the aims of counseling (5mks)
- (b) Chelimo's state required several theories of counseling to help her, assume the doctor chose Client-centred theory, discuss the theory and its application to Chelimo''s problem. (10mks)

 ${}^{\odot}$  . Advise the doctor on the Ethical issues of client- counselor relationship or ethical practices that a good counselor must observe (5mks)

(c) Does Chelimo initial state and background qualify her as a difficult person at the workplace? Discuss your response and advice on how to deal with such employee. (10 marks)

#### **Question two**

(a) Discuss the effects of stress to both individual employee and organization (7mks)

(b) Describe types of difficult people at the workplace and how to deal with them (8mks)

#### **Question three**

(a) Discuss the role that the workplace counselors should play in helping the HIV/AIDS and Drug and Substance abuse victims at the workplace (5 marks)

(b) Discuss the Human Resource Issues discussed in the workplace policies on HIV/AIDS, drug and substance abuse and their implications to the performance of any organization. (10 marks).

#### **Question four**

.Describe the following theories and their application in the workplace counseling:

- (ı) Rational- Emotive theory (8 marks)
- (11) Behavioral theory (7 marks)

## **Question five**

- (i) Briefly describe the various counseling techniques (10 marks)
- (ii) Why is listening a crucial skill in counseling (5 marks)

## **Question six**

Discuss the qualities of a good counselor. (15mks)