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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
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**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR, THIRD TRIMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE  
ONCOLOGY AND PALLIATIVE CARE**

**COURSE CODE: NCO 8132**

**COURSE TITLE: *PRINCIPLES AND PHILOSOPHY OF PALLIATIVE CARE***

**DATE: Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**TIME: 11.30am – 2.30 pm**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**TIME: 3 Hours**

**MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating**

**Ensure that you have all two (2) printed pages. Please turn over**

### ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. The goal of palliative care is achievement of the best quality of life for patients and their families. Discuss five Principles of palliative care (15 marks)
2. Nurses have a direct role in difficult conversations in advance care planning, delivery of bad news or poor prognosis, or discussing the transition to hospice and home based care. In the techniques and approaches to good communication in palliative care nursing, discuss key barriers of communication in palliative care (15 marks)
3. Comprehensive cancer control addresses the whole population, while seeking to respond to the needs of the different subgroups at risk. Discuss five Principles of cancer control (20 marks)
4. Discuss five roles of a nurse in the care of patients with palliative care needs in a home setting (20 marks)
5. Palliative care has evolved over the past five decades as an inter-professional specialty to improve quality of life and quality of care for patients with cancer and their families. Discuss five Models of palliative care (20 marks)
6. The foundation of medical ethics is supported by several pillars, describe any five of such in palliative care (10 marks)

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