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1. True (A) or false (B):

Moral obligations of health care professionals are general duties they acquire by virtue of being qualified and licensed as professionals in the field.

2. True (A) or false (B):

Selectively emphasising benefits while playing down harms when reporting research is a form of publication bias.

3. True (A) or false (B):

In civil cases, the accused will be deemed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

4. True (A) or false (B):

Culture is static and does not change even in times of rapid social change.

5. True (A) or false (B):

The African Charter requires that the best interests of the child be the primary consideration in all actions involving children.

6. True (A) or false (B):

The donation of human tissue is currently governed by chapter 8 of the National Health Act, which has replaced the Human Tissue Act.

7. True (A) or false (B):

The National Health Act allows for treatment to be administered without consent where failure to do so would put the public health at peril.

8. True (A) or false (B):

According to section 12(8) of the Children's Act, circumcision of male children is totally prohibited and not allowed under any circumstances.

9. True (A) or false (B):

According to Social Darwinism, societies occupy different rungs in the evolutionary ladder.

10. True (A) or false (B):

Consenting to the donation of an unclaimed body by the Director-General can only be done after all reasonable steps have been taken to locate the persons required to give consent.

11. True (A) or false (B):

Research into the receiving and giving of gifts by health care professionals shows that self-regulation will satisfactorily protect patient interests.

12. True (A) or false (B):

Because neonates and infants are incapable of consenting, circumcisions in this context raise vexing ethical and legal issues.

13. True (A) or false (B):

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is silent on special protections to mothers and children.

14. True (A) or false (B):

The Bill of Rights guarantees the right to religious belief and practice on condition that this is not inconsistent with any other provision of the Bill.

15. True (A) or false (B):

According to the Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act, it is not the state's responsibility to provide reproductive health to all women.

16. True (A) or false (B):

The largest malpractice payouts by the Gauteng Department of Health have been in Obstetrics and Orthopaedic Surgery.

17. True (A) or false (B):

Breach of contract in the practitioner-patient relationship is not seen as cause for malpractice liability.

18. True (A) or false (B):

Because of the premise that cadavers have intrinsic and instrumental value, giving one's body is preferable to reliance on unclaimed bodies for dissection.

19. True (A) or false (B):

'Ghost' writing, while deceptive, does not fall into the category of scientific fraud.

20. True (A) or false (B):

South Africa has not as yet signed into the Convention on the Rights of the Child, despite the fact that the majority of nations have done so.

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