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### True (A) or false (B):

1. The Consumer Protection Act prohibits the use of exclusion clauses that exclude liability for gross negligence.
2. The Declaration of Helsinki (DoH) is not widely recognised as the leading authoritative source on ethical standards of medical research around the world.
3. Research publications should not include negative and inconclusive outcomes of the study results.
4. Currently in South Africa there is no financial incentive to donate blood.
5. The concept of human dignity is enshrined in both international and South African law.
6. South African law allows for broad consent in the case of stored tissue for future research.
7. Vulnerability is associated with a strong potential for exploitation.
8. Human dignity refers to the worth of every human person.
9. The Consumer Protection Act prohibits exclusion clauses being cast in complicated language and buried in the small print.
10. Drug and alcohol abuse are not major contributory factors for patients discharging themselves from hospitals against medical advice.
11. In healthcare, the principle of beneficence is the basis for informed consent.
12. Unesco's Universal Declaration on Bioethics & Human Rights has the authority of a legally binding document in international law.
13. Stem cell research remains at the experimental stage, with clinical trials still uncommon.
14. In South Africa, all health research must first receive research ethics committee approval prior to commencement of the study.
15. The SA Good Clinical Practice (2006) guidelines require researchers and sponsors to take out comprehensive insurance for research-related injury.
16. Human vulnerability is intrinsically connected to the essential notion of personal integrity.
17. Stem cell therapies from Biomark are proven and licensed.
18. The Consumer Protection Act prohibits unfair, unreasonable or unjust contract terms.
19. The Declaration of Helsinki does not contain a requirement that the population in which the research is conducted should benefit from the clinical research.
20. The Global Commission Report on Drugs Policy held in June 2011 advocated a punitive approach when dealing with the problem.

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