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BACHELOR OF NURSING DEGREE

ADVANCED NURSING STUDIES II (NU412)  
Professional Issues in Nursing (BND 5)

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You are expected to answer a total of **THREE (3)** questions. Use a separate answer book for each question. All questions carry an equal mark.

Please note you are expected to support your answers by referring to relevant literature and examples from your nursing experience where appropriate.

Time allowed: Two (2) hours

1. Organisational structures contribute to a sense of power/powerlessness within nursing or midwifery practice. Analyze the evidence to support this statement.  
(100 Marks)
2. (a) Patient participation has become part of the vocabulary of professional nurses (Cahill, 1996). Evaluate the extent to which it is possible for patients to participate in their care and make recommendations for overcoming any constraints you identify.  
(100 Marks)  
OR  
(b) Despite the current emphasis on the importance and value of continuing professional education there is little evidence to support continuing education actually enables nurses to deliver higher standards of patient care (Barribal et al., 1992 Wood, 1998).  
Examine the significance of this statement.  
(100 Marks)
3. Examine the need for clinical supervision within the practice of nursing in Ireland.  
(100 Marks)
4. Identify **three** potential benefits of reflection and evaluate the extent to which reflection meets the benefits you describe.  
(100 Marks)

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5. Evaluate the development of nursing as a profession. (100 Marks)
6. Accountability is the very essence of professionalism (Watson 1992).  
Analyze the evidence to support this statement. (100 Marks)

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