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TITLE OF PAPER :

ASPECTS OF LAW AND HEALTH

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TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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100

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Question 1

Generally, before administering treatment or conducting an operation on a patient a medical practitioner must make sure that the patient has consented. What are the requirements for consent? (25 marks)

Question 2

Discuss requirements of the Aquilian Action.

(25 marks)

Question 3

Discuss the two (2) defences known to the law that exclude unlawfulness on the part of a medical practitioner's actions. (25 marks)

Question 4

What is *Res Ipsa Loquitur* and how does this principle apply in medical cases? (25 marks)