



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 327: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

DATE: 18/11/2020

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the difference between Sociology in Medicine and Sociology of Medicine. (6 marks)
- b) “Illness is what a patient feels when he goes to the doctor, disease is what he has on his way home.” Discuss this statement in relation to the discipline of medical sociology. (3 marks)
- c) Explain the perspectives of the following groups in relation to the discipline of medical sociology. (6 marks)
 - i) Medical Physicians
 - ii) Medical Educators
- d) Discuss the political economy theoretical perspective on health and illness. (10 marks)
- e) Outline the three (3) developmental stages medical sociology has gone through. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using appropriate examples, define the term “health inequality.” (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the impact of Kenya’s social stratification on health, illness and wellness of its citizens. (15 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the social constructivism theoretical perspective to health and illness. (10 marks)
- b) The political economy theoretical perspective considered medicine as becoming a major institution of social control. Examine this in relation to the Kenyan context. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the major contributors of medical issues in developing countries. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss how age can relate to health and illness in the society. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the impact of culture on health and illness in the African context. (10 marks)
- b) Elaborate on the approaches that governments in Africa can adopt to minimize the health challenges associated with cultural practices. (10 marks)