



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 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: 8/12/2021

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the relationship between sociology and sociology of health. (12 marks)
- b) Discuss the following concepts as used in sociology of health and illness. (12 marks)
 - i. Sick role
 - ii. Disease and illness
 - iii. Stigma
 - iv. Health and well being
- c) Discuss the concepts “ legitimate and illegitimate illness” and demonstrate its manifestation in our societies. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Identify and discuss the four major social determinants of health

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Define social status and discuss its influence on health and illness.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Gender can simply be defined as the societal definition/ understanding of femaleness and maleness. Explain how this gendered view can predispose an individual to diseases and illness

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Using relevant examples demonstrate how health is socially constructed