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FIRST YEAR, THIRD SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF NURSING/BACHELOR OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND RECORDS

NND 3125/HMN 3125: MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

DATE: OCTOBER 2021

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: -*Question is compulsory. --Answer any other two questions.*

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Institutional bureaucracy's structures are patterned processes representing the ideal way to organize and maximize all human activity. With relevant examples, discuss the essential characteristics of health workers modern bureaucracy witnessed in health facility nowadays. (10 Marks)
- b) Using relevant examples explain Charles Wright Mills's concept of '*Sociological Imagination*'. (5 Marks)
- c) Social theory is largely associated with an attitude of critical thinking and the desire for knowledge through *a posteriori* methods of discovery, rather than *a priori*. Discuss the aims of theory construction in line with sociology and anthropology scientific studies. (10 Marks)
- d) *Employing the use of sociological theories* describe the type of insight offered by the discipline of sociology in relation to daily social interactions of people within a community/organisation. (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Functionalists have explained the central purpose of schooling as to maintaining social order. What do you think are the major social and cultural roles played by schools offering health education in our communities? (20 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Conflicts among communities, workers and across nations affect people's social and health operation systems leading to suffering and even deaths.

- a) By using illustrations discuss the major sources of conflicts experienced by different communities. (13 Marks)
- b) Explain possible mitigations to conflicts experienced by the health workers within their work environments. (7 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Every culture contains its own unique patterns of behavior which may seem alien to people from other cultural backgrounds. State and explain good respect for other people's cultural practices emulated by modern health workers employed away from their ancestral communities. (12 Marks)
- b) Anthropology studies *ethno-medicine*, a comparison of the traditional medicine based on bioactive compounds in plants and animals and practiced by various ethnic groups like the indigenous people of Africa, south Asia and South America. Explain the main indigenous communities' areas of study by medical anthropologists. (8 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) A family is perceived as a group of people who are related by marriage, blood or adoption and who live together and share economic resources. By giving relevant illustrations, discuss the necessity of a family in the modern society. (7 Marks)
- b) What constitutes good health or well-being in men and women may mean different things and may require diverse services from the health care system as was practiced by different communities. Discuss the main social and cultural constraints facing men from accessing equitable health care within their communities. (13 Marks)