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**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:  
BACHELOR OF SOCIOLOGY Y3 SI  
HSO 4304: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH**

**SERIES: JULY 2022**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: JULY 2022**

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other **TWO** questions.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

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**QUESTION ONE**

- a). Explain your understanding of the concept of good health. (4 Marks)
- b) Using relevant examples describe FIVE major Socio-Cultural factors that influence Health. (10 marks)
- c) "Health and Illness are Socially Constructed." Discuss with relevant examples. (16 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a). Describe how Structural Functionalism theory explains health and illness. (10 marks)
- a). Using examples describe the stages of illness experience (10 Marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a). According to the definition by WHO, Health comprises of three dimensions; using examples describe the three dimensions (10 marks)
- b). "The decision to see a doctor is not an arbitrary one, but one characterized with a lot of bargaining and negotiation on the part of the individual". With examples, demonstrate the validity of this statement (10 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a). Lay perspectives of health are deeply embedded in people's culture and religion. Citing examples from a community/communities of your choice, explain how lay people understand the causes of ill health. (10 marks)
- b). Using examples discuss the nature of conflicts in medicine. (10 marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a). Using examples discuss Alonzo's four dimensions of health behaviour. (10 marks)
- b). Discuss the increasing tendency towards alternative therapies as opposed to modern medicine in developing countries. (10 marks)