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**SERIES: DECEMBER 2024**  
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**DATE: DECEMBER 2024**

**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). Communities may have norms, values and beliefs that derail government's efforts in eradicating and communicating about diseases. Discuss giving examples. (10 marks)
- b) Elaborate on how living with a chronic illness can affect an individual's identity and social relationships (10 marks)
- c) Symbolic interactionist argue that disease and illness is a social construct. Borrowing from the Kenyan socio-cultural landscape, discuss the validity of this assertion. (10 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a). Using examples describe Talcott Parson's model of the Physician- patient interaction. (10 marks)
- b). The Bio-psychosocial model has been hailed as a holistic approach to health care. Discuss to what extent you support this observation. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a). According to definition of health by WHO, Health comprises of three dimensions; using examples describe the three dimensions. (10 marks)
- b). Explore how do societal attitudes toward aging influence the health and well-being of older adults. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a). Discuss the common eating disorders prevalent today and give examples. (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 behavior. (10 marks)
- b). Discuss the increasing tendency towards alternative therapies as opposed to modern medicine in developing countries. (10 marks)