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(BSCH 13S)

ACM 4102 SOCIAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: JULY, 2014

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

-This paper consists of **FIVE** questions.

-Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any **TWO** questions

This paper consists of **TWO PRINTED** pages

QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

- a) Outline **FOUR** elements of culture (4 marks)
- b) Explain Health Intervention as a process of cultural exchange. (4 marks)
- c) Briefly explain **FOUR** types of interactions between indigenous and western medicine. (4 marks)
- d) State the **SIX** characteristics of culture. (3 marks)
- e) Explain the **FOUR** principles of cross-cultural communication (5 marks)
- f) Specify the main sources of cultural/social change in communities. (3 marks)
- g) State what is meant by:

- (i) Community mobilization (2 marks)
(ii) Community empowerment. (2 marks)

h) Explain the influence of culture on health and illness. (4 marks)

QUESTION 2

a) Describe the **THREE** levels of culture. (6 marks)

b) Describe the procedures of identifying sources of ill health among African communities. (14 marks)

QUESTION 3

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) is a community-driven strategic planning tool for improving community health facilitated by public health leaders. This tool helps communication apply strategic thinking to prioritize public health issues. Discuss this participatory approach. (20 marks)

QUESTION 4

Discuss the lay theories of health and illness experience. (20 marks)

QUESTION 5

Discuss cultural reasons regarding FGM practices and justification for maintaining it in some communities in Kenya. (20 marks)