



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 327: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

DATE: 23/7/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms in sociology of health and illness
- i. Sociology of Medicine (2 marks)
 - ii. Sociology in Medicine (2 marks)
 - iii. Health Disparities (2 marks)
 - iv. Health Care Disparities (2 marks)
 - v. Disease (2 marks)
 - vi. Socialization (2 marks)
- b) Highlight the social determinants of health (12 marks)
- c) Explain how Sociologists study health and illness. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the study of medicine, health and illness from the functionalist perspective.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Briefly discuss the social construction of health. (6 marks)
- b) Describe Talcott Parson's 'sick role'. (14 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the gender disparities in health giving relevant examples (10 marks)
- b) Using relevant examples, explain the major functions of a hospital (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the effects of socio-economic status on health. Give relevant examples.'