



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 327: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

DATE:24/4/2019

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 (2 marks)
 - iv. Disease (2 marks)
 - v. Illness (2 marks)
 - vi. Medicalization of deviance (2 marks)
- b) Explain the development of Medical Sociology (6 marks)
- c) Explain why and how Sociologists study health and illness. (12 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

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

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

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

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Communities may have norms, values and beliefs that derail government's efforts in eradicating and communicating about diseases. Discuss giving examples. (14 marks)
- b) Examine the approaches that can be adopted by the government can adopt to minimize this problem. (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the effects of socioeconomic status on health. Give relevant examples.