



"Investing in Africa's Future"

COLLEGE OF HEALTH, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL SCIENCES

NHSA 201 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

END OF SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
Answer all the questions in Section A, and any two in Section B.
Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
Each question carries 20 marks.
Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

Section A

1.
 - a) Outline Gareth Williams's concept of "narrative reconstruction" when it comes to chronic illnesses (5 marks).
 - b) Explain how Sociologists define "illness" and "disease" (3 marks).
 - c) Summarize the rights and obligations of the "sick role" as written by Talcott Parsons (4 marks).
 - d) Name three examples of illnesses that attract a social stigma (3 marks)
 - e) Name three examples of modern sociological theories (3 marks).
 - f) "Health and illness vary across cultures". Briefly comment (2 marks)

Section B

2. From the biomedical approach to health and illness, outline the following:
 - a) Mind and body dualism (5 marks)
 - b) Mechanical metaphor (5 marks)
 - c) Specific aetiology (5 marks)
 - d) Objective science (5 marks)
 3. Using specific examples examine the relationship between illness and social stigma.
 4. Analyse the contribution of feminist thinking to our understanding of medicine, health and illness.
 5. Write short notes on the following:
 - a) Non-material culture (5 marks)
 - b) Gender and mental illness (5 marks)
 - c) Religion and health inequalities (5 marks)
 - d) Complementary medicine (5 marks)
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