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## University Examinations 2024/2025

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTERS IN  
PUBLIC HEALTH

### MPH 5115: SOCIAL DIMENSIONS IN HEALTH

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 3 HOURS

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question one and any other three Questions

#### QUESTION ONE (40 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate the following terms as used in social Health;
  - i. Culture and society (4 Marks)
  - ii. Multiculturalism and Cultural diversity (4 Marks)
  - iii. Cultural relativism and Ethnocentrism (4 Marks)
  - iv. Cultural BIAS, Prejudice and Stereotype (6 Marks)
- b) While relating to health services access, explore the four (4) components of culture and their impact on Health service access. (12 Marks)
- c) Explore three types of female mutilation methods and health consequences (10 Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (10 MARKS)

Analyses any 5 social demographic factors, with example of how each impact health outcomes  
(10 Marks)

#### QUESTION THREE (10 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the notion of society (2 Marks)
- b) Appraise at least four (4) theories of society, indicating possible society health interaction  
(8 Marks)



#### **QUESTION FOUR (10 MARKS)**

Explore the role of the 21<sup>st</sup> globalization, Technology and modern Medicine, in the role of fast spread of COVID I9, the Corona virus (10 Marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE (10 MARKS)**

Give an elaborate Understanding of the following forms African community perspectives

- i. Health (2 Marks)
- ii. Disease (2 Marks)
- iii. Healing (2 Marks)
- iv. Wholeness in African (4 Marks)

#### **QUESTION SIX (10 MARKS)**

Sexuality is an almost secretive topic in most African communities and health, Discuss the following in the context of above background

- i. Gender and Health (4 Marks)
- ii. Sacredness of sex (2 Marks)
- iii. Family planning (2 Marks)
- iv. Incest (2 Marks)

