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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF

SOCI 447: MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 24/09/2021

11.30 A.M – 1.30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Answer question one and any other two questions**

QUESTION ONE

(a) Write concise notes on the following concepts as used in medical sociology.

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| (i) Illness | [2 marks] |
| (ii) Health | [2 marks] |
| (iii) Ailment | [2 marks] |
| (iv) Condition | [2 marks] |
| (v) Disease | [2 marks] |
| (vi) Symptoms | [2 marks] |
| (vii) Signs | [2 marks] |

(b) Discuss the four main areas of inquiry for medical sociology. [8 marks]

(c) Discuss four compelling reasons for studying medical sociology. [8 marks]

QUESTION TWO

With examples drawn from Kenya, discuss the key arguments of the conflict theory of health and medicine. [20 marks]

QUESTION THREE

The Biopsychosocial model has been hailed as a holistic approach to health care. Discuss to what extent you support this observation. [20 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

Symbolic interactionist argue that disease and illness is a social construct. Borrowing from the Kenyan socio-cultural landscape, discuss the validity of this assertion. [20 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) What does the concept of medicalization imply? [5 marks]
 - (b) With examples drawn globally, discuss the manifestation of medicalization and the implication of the phenomenon on the health dynamics of human populations. [15 marks]
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