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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF NURSING (UPGRADING) AND BACHELOR OF HEALTH RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

**NURU 132/HRIM 131: MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**STREAMS:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 19/12/2023**

**2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Do not write anything on the question paper.
2. Mobile phones and any other reference materials are NOT allowed in the examination room.
3. The paper has three sections. Answer ALL questions All your answers for Section I (MCQs) should be on one page.
4. Number ALL your answers and indicate the order of appearance in the space provided in the cover page of the examination answer booklet.
5. Write your answers legibly and use your time wisely

**SECTION ONE (9 MARKS)**

1. Structural-Functionalists describe society as:
  - A. Complex network of interaction at a micro-level
  - B. A source of conflict, inequality, and alienation
  - C. An unstable structure of social relations
  - D. A normative framework of roles and institutions
2. Social norms are:
  - A. Creative activities such as gardening, cookery and craftwork
  - B. The symbolic representation of social groups in the mass media
  - C. Religious beliefs about how the world ought to be

- D. Rules and expectations about interaction that regulate social life
3. Which one of the following perspectives was the earliest theoretical perspective in sociology
    - A. Evolutionarist perspective
    - B. Functionalist perspective
    - C. Symbolic interactionalist perspective
    - D. Structuralist perspective
  4. Two or more individuals among whom we find an established pattern of interaction are referred to as;
    - A. Social system
    - B. Social structure
    - C. Social relationship
    - D. Social stratification
  5. The process of moulding and shaping the personality of the human infant is called;
    - A. Individualization
    - B. Interaction
    - C. Socialization
    - D. humanization
  6. Which one of the following trends did the New Right not suggest as evidence of declining family values
    - A. The tendency for cohabitation before marriage
    - B. The rising divorce rates
    - C. The absence of fathers in many households
    - D. The increasing number of single parent families
  7. In modern societies, social status is measured by a person's
    - A. Age
    - B. Income
    - C. Verbal fluency
    - D. Occupation.
  8. The 'class polarization' that Marx predicted referred to:
    - A. The division of each social class into the more or less privileged

- B. A growing gap between rich and poor, resulting in class consciousness
  - C. The growth of intermediate strata in the middle classes
  - D. The tendency for the working class to live in very cold places
9. Which one of the following is **NOT** an aspect of socialization?
- A. Social determinants and distribution of disease
  - B. Attitudes and behaviour of individuals and also individuals in group settings towards health and illness.
  - C. The social environment of medicine.
  - D. The relationship between the working class and communists.

**SECTION B: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS (41 MARKS)**

- 1. Define the following terms: **[5 marks]**
  - i. Cultural Universals
  - ii. Cultural imperialism
  - iii. Social stratification
  - iv. Androcentrism
  - v. Medicalization
- 2. State five functions of the family according to Marxist **[5 marks]**
- 3. Explain five factors leading to rise of obesity in Kenya **[5 marks]**
- 4. Explain the social conflict theory **[8 marks]**
- 5. State five elements of culture **[5 marks]**
- 6. Health and illness cannot be simply regarded as biological or medical phenomena.  
Explain the cultural meaning of illness **[6 marks]**
- 7. Explain the role of the school as an agent of socialization **[7 marks]**

**SECTION C: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS (20 MARKS)**

- 1. a) Explain the family life cycle **[5 marks]**  
b) Discuss the challenges facing families in the contemporary world today **[15 marks]**
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