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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SSO 312: MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

Date: JULY 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) “Health and Illness are Socially Constructed.” Discuss with relevant examples. **(15 marks)**
- b) Clearly list and analyze FIVE social cultural factors that explain the changing patterns of disease and illness in society. Use relevant examples. **(15 marks)**
- Q2. Show how Structural Functionalism and Symbolic Interactionism theories explain health and illness. **(20 marks)**
- Q3. “The decision to see a doctor is not an arbitrary one, but one characterized with a lot of bargaining and negotiation on the part of the individual”. With examples, demonstrate the validity of this statement **(20 marks)**
- Q4. Lay perspectives of health are deeply embedded in people’s culture and religion. Citing examples from a community/communities of your choice, explain how lay people understand the causes of ill health. **(20 marks)**
- Q5. Account for the increasing tendency towards alternative therapies to modern medicine in developing countries. **(20 marks)**

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