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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

MASTERS IN BIOETHICS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION APRIL 2024

UNIT CODE: MBE 720   **UNIT NAME**: EVIDENCE INFORMED POLICY MAKING

DATE: April 2024

TIME: TWO hours   **Start:** 16:30pm   **Finish** 19:30pm

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 70 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections
   Section A: Compulsory Question (30 marks)
   Section B: Long Answer Questions (40 marks)

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30 Marks)

QUESTION ONE

   a) Explain the need for a search strategy in policy making (6 marks)

   b) Explain the key characteristics of a policy problem (6 marks)

   c) What are the best practices of evidence informed decision making (6 marks)

   d) Describe the different steps in developing an effective communication (6 marks)

   e) Explain the vital characteristics of actionable recommendations in research (6 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER <u>ANY TWO</u> QUESTIONS (40 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

    a) Discuss the steps involved in policy making process, emphasizing their significance to the concept of public health (10 marks)

    b) Explain how research evidence informs policy making and what its benefits are (10marks)

QUESTION THREE

    a) Discuss the reliability and credibility of information found online and their relevance in policy formulation (10 marks)

    b) Explain the criteria used to determine if the source of the literature for policy making is credible (10marks)

QUESTION FOUR

    a) Discuss the vital steps in writing a policy brief (10 marks)

    b) Evidence synthesis for decision making in health care is key in the process of collecting and integration all relevant scientific information available. Discuss different steps used in synthesizing evidence for policy making (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Using relevant examples explain how you can develop an elevators pitch (20 marks)