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MAIN

UNIT CODE: HSM 717 **UNIT NAME: HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING**
TIME: TWO HOURS **Start:** **Finish**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 100 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections
Section A: Compulsory Question (25 marks)
Section B: Long Answer Questions (75 marks)

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (25 Marks)

Short Answer Questions

1. Explain key components of health sector reforms in Kenya (5 marks)
2. Explain why policy statements are important in health policy making (5 marks)
3. Explain key risks and vulnerabilities addressed by social protection systems (5 marks)
4. Describe key characteristics of evidence based and informed policy (5 marks)
5. Explain the elements of health in all policies (5 marks)

SECTION B (Set 5 Questions)

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

6. Discuss the factors that influence effective implementation of the health sector strategic plan 2020/2021 – 2024/2025 in improving healthcare services and addressing health challenges in Kenya. (25 marks)
7. Kenya's health sector reforms and policy aim at promoting and improving the health status of all Kenyans through the deliberate restructuring of the health sector. In the light of this statement
 - a) discuss the scope of the Universal health policy. (15 marks)
 - b) discuss the challenges facing achievement of Universal health coverage in Kenya. (10 marks)
8. Policy is an important tool for effective management of health service delivery. Discuss the key characteristics of a good policy. (25 marks)
9. a) Explain the key considerations in health policy making process. (25 marks)
b) What are the advantages of downward communication approach as opposed to the upward approach in health policy making. (25 marks)
10. Describe the major steps of implementing and reviewing a policy statement. (25 marks)