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COURSE CODE AND TITLE: BSN 215 - Medical Sociology

DATE:

Duration: 2 HOURS

Start:

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is out of 70 marks
2. This Examination comprises THREE Sections. Section I: Multiple Choice Questions (20 marks) Section II: Short Answer Questions (30 marks) and Section III: Long Answer Questions (20 marks)
3. Answer ALL Questions.
4. Do Not write anything on the question paper -use the back of your booklet for rough work if need be.

Section A - MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

(20 Marks)

1. The type of kinship crucial for understanding the transmission of genetic disorders is:
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 - A. Affinal kinship
 - B. Fictive kinship
 - C. Consanguineal kinship
 - D. Matrilineal kinship

2. How did Talcott Parsons contribute to the field of medical sociology: -
 - A. He linked the behaviour of sick people to the expectations of society
 - B. He explained why some societies are healthier than others
 - C. He demonstrated that more affluent people receive better health care
 - D. He realized that religious beliefs play a large role in a patient's recovery

3. Four dimensions of health are: -
 - A. Social, physical, spiritual and intellectual
 - B. Cultural, physical, Spiritual and Intellectual
 - C. Exercise, good nutrition, relaxation and sleep
 - D. physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.

4. The following defines the role of the sociologist in the health care system: -
 - A. Medical provider
 - B. Patient advocate
 - C. Preventer of disease
 - D. Controller of funds

5. The following is NOT one of the rights and responsibilities of sick persons: -
 - A. The right to be free from blame for your illness
 - B. The right to have normal obligations reduced
 - C. The responsibility to pursue treatment for your illness with appropriate experts
 - D. The right to reasonable accommodations at work and school

6. A nurse looks at society by considering the needs and realities of both men and women. What term best describes the nurse's actions: -
 - A. Gender lens
 - B. Gender identity
 - C. Gender inequity
 - D. Gender bias

7. The chief means by which culture is transmitted from one generation to the next is: -
 - A. Mores
 - B. Education
 - C. Language
 - D. Morals

8. The following is not a characteristic of culture: -

- A. It depends on other societies for its survival.
 - B. Social relationships of the society's members are within the boundary of the society.
 - C. A society possesses authority over all decisions made by members of the society
 - D. Possesses its own distinct and unique culture that is shared by its members.
9. Societal norms can be classified into three types which include all the following except:
- A. Folkways
 - B. Mores
 - C. Laws
 - D. Gender
10. The following statements is true about socialization: -
- A. It only ends once a person reaches adulthood
 - B. It is a lifelong process
 - C. It is only influenced by family
 - D. It is primarily a biological process
11. The concept that involves individuals adopting the values and norms of a group they aspire to join is: -
- A. Primary socialization
 - B. Secondary socialization
 - C. Anticipatory socialization
 - D. Cultural diffusion
12. The type of kinship that involves connections through marriage rather than blood relations is: -
- A. Consanguineal kinship
 - B. Affinal kinship
 - C. Fictive kinship
 - D. Lineal kinship
13. According to P.S. Cohen, cohesion may be due to any of the following except:
- A. Allegiance to the larger unit
 - B. Poor overall coordination
 - C. Mutual interest or interdependence
 - D. Intersection of ties
14. The following scenarios best demonstrates the effect of social context on an individual's driving-related behaviour :-
- A. A teenage driver is distracted as a result of using a cell phone to call friends while driving.
 - B. An adult driver adheres to the posted speed limits for many months after being caught speeding.
 - C. A teenager performs better on a written driver exam than on the road test.

- D. An adult driver adopts a more aggressive driving style when driving in a city than in a small town.
15. The "social determinants of health" include factors such as: -
- A. Genetic predispositions and medical technology
 - B. Individual behaviours and access to healthcare services
 - C. Economic stability, education, social and community context, health and healthcare, and neighbourhood and built environment
 - D. Pathogen virulence and climate conditions
16. All the following re elements of culture except that culture is: -
- A. Learned
 - B. Shared
 - C. Patterned
 - D. Documented
17. The following is not a correct definition of cultural norms?: -
- A. They are rules and regulations that govern behaviour in any society, defining appropriate and acceptable behaviour.
 - B. They are socially accepted patterns of behaviour.
 - C. They are decided upon by the elders in the community
 - D. They function as a social control mechanism and brings out uniform
18. The following are the functions of religion in society except one.
- A. It is an agency for social control
 - B. It advocates for social divisions in society
 - C. It is a key socialization agency
 - D. It promotes social solidarity
19. The first philosopher to coin and use the term socio class was:
- A. Auguste Comte
 - B. Karl Marx
 - C. Herbert Spencer
 - D. Max Weber
20. The following is not an example of nonmaterial culture: -
- A. Social roles
 - B. Art
 - C. Ethics
 - D. Rules

SECTION II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS - 30 MARKS

1. Illustrate two (2) ways in which knowledge of sociology can be useful in the worker of a medical personnel. (4 Marks)

2. Name any three (3) social institutions and explain how they help maintain order and stability in society. (6 Marks)
3. Outline six (6) roles of digital technology and social media in shaping African rural culture in the 21st century. (6 Marks)
4. Outline four (4) role healthcare professionals play in socialization process (4 Marks)
5. Explain two (2) ways in which you can apply Talcott's concept of rights of medical personnel in your medical role with patients. (4 Marks)
6. Outline three (3) agents of socialization and illustrate how they influence the development of individuals. (6 Marks)

SECTION III: LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS – (20 MARKS)

Digital technology is essential in sharing culture of a community.

- a) Explain five (5) the role of digital technology in shaping African rural culture in the 21st century. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain five (5) labour conflicts through the lens of Conflict Theory.(10 Marks)