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SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

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COURSE CODE BSM 215: MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

PRESERVICE

DATE: Thursday 7th August 2025

Duration: 2 HOURS

Start: 1400HRS

Finish:1600HRS

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 (MCQs) 20 MARKS

1. Which one is not a subfield of anthropology?
 - A. Archaeological
 - B. Sociological
 - C. Cultural
 - D. Physical
2. Anthropology deals with
 - A. Where human beings originated
 - B. When human being originated
 - C. How human species have changed overtime
 - D. All of the above
3. Archeological anthropology is concerned with
 - A. Man's common heritage with other primates
 - B. How biological processes influence man
 - C. Human cultural patterns through material remains
 - D. Explain cultural similarities and differences
4. The field of anthropology is said to be characterized by objectivity because
 - A. It allows facts to stand
 - B. Anthropologists are free to influence their findings
 - C. It Uses objects of culture
 - D. It is subjective
5. Diachronic perspective of anthropology:
 - A. Attempts to show relationship of things together at the same time
 - B. Comprises of structural and functionalism
 - C. Is obsolete
 - D. Indicates the relationships of things through time
6. Diffusion perspective
 - A. Is similar to evolutionism
 - B. Attempts to show how culture gets more complex over time
 - C. Is an example of synchronic perspective
 - D. Examines transmission of ideas from one place to the other
7. Who is regarded as the founding father of ethnography?
 - A. Branis law Malinowski
 - B. Carl Max
 - C. Franz Boaz
 - D. Radcliff Brown
8. Culture consists of all of the following except?
 - A. Objects
 - B. Technologies
 - C. Products
 - D. Dynamics

9. Which one is a cognitive component of culture?
- A. Values
 - B. Symbols
 - C. Language
 - D. Laws
10. Social norms
- A. Are things that people consider important and worth striving for
 - B. Are virtues in the society
 - C. Are behavioral guidelines
 - D. Include formal education
11. Social sanctions
- A. May be positive
 - B. Should only be administered through formal mechanisms
 - C. Encourage deviation from the societal norms
 - D. More effective if punitive
12. Sickness
- A. Is a public mode of being unhealthy
 - B. Is a non-negotiated position
 - C. Possession of a disease guarantees equity in sickness
 - D. Psychiatric diseases are less secure than surgical cases
13. Social structures
- A. Are basic parts that make up a society
 - B. Refer to political organization only
 - C. Are always entrenched in the constitution
 - D. Are fixed and cannot be changed
14. Concerning age as a basis for social stratification
- A. Leadership roles should always be a preserve of the old people because of their vast experience
 - B. Age was associated with degradation of wisdom
 - C. Age groups associate themselves with people of same gender
 - D. Age grades similar to age group
15. Social classes manifest themselves through the following ways except
- A. What people say about various occupations
 - B. Verbal evaluations
 - C. Peoples interactions
 - D. Religious affiliations
16. Which one is not true about symbol/indicators for evaluating social class
- A. Consumption pattern
 - B. Places visited for leisure
 - C. Sports
 - D. Indicators always accurate
17. Which of the below statements is true about biomedical model of health and illness
- A. Diseases are largely preventable by behavioral interventions

- B. Illness can be cured by prayers
 - C. Diseases are due to disobedience
 - D. May lead to over reliance on pharmacological interventions
18. Emile Durkheim came up with three typologies of suicide. Identify the one that is correctly matched
- A. Egoistic – state of normlessness
 - B. Anomic- detachment from social norms
 - C. Altruistic- normative demand for suicide
 - D. Ethnistic- love for ethnicity
19. In the health belief model, perceived barriers means
- A. One's belief in efficacy of advised action
 - B. Opinion on consequences of action
 - C. Strategies to activate action
 - D. Opinion on cost of advised action
20. Which statement is true regarding social institutions?
- A. Authority is produced by political institutions
 - B. Rituals are produced by educational institutions
 - C. Power is produced by economic institutions
 - D. They have no fixed roles

SECTION B: ESSAY QUESTIONS (30 MARKS)

1. Outline five reasons why medical anthropology is an important field to Nurses (5 marks)
2. Briefly explain three basic theories about causes of illness in the society (5 marks)
3. Outline five differences between man and other primates (5 marks)
4. State five factors that may lead to downward social mobility (5 marks)
5. Outline five critiques of biomedical and behavioral models of health and illness (5 marks)
6. Briefly explain five ways through which social institutions play a role in an individual's personality development (5 marks)

SECTION C: LONG ANSWER QUESTION 20 MARKS

1. Culture is the traditional way of doing things in a particular society or community.
 - a. Discuss the functions of culture in the society (10 marks)
 - b. Describe the components of a culture (10 marks)

