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UNIT CODE: HSM 717 **UNIT NAME: HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING**
DATE: XX APRIL, 2026
TIME: Three 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

- Q1. Describe three (3) characteristics of a good health policy (5 marks)
- Q2. Explain three (3) consequential parts of policy making process (5 marks)
- Q3. Explain three (3) major constraints in policy making (5 marks)
- Q4. Describe the five (5) key steps in health policy making process (5 marks)
- Q5. Highlight five (5) essential components of a good health policy (5 marks)

SECTION B (Set 5 Questions)

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

- Q6. Policy analysis consists of examining and bringing improvements in the process of formulating policies. Explain the eight (8) key approaches to Policy analysis (25marks)
- Q7. Professional associations have considerable influence, but little is known about the strategies they use to influence health system transformation. Explain ten (10) different ways in which professional associations influence health system transformation of your country (25marks)
- Q8. Describe eight (8) major steps of implementing and reviewing a policy statement (25marks)
- Q9). Decentralization of health services is a widespread global trend, shifting decision-making, management, and financing from central authorities to local governments. Based on this statement
- describe six (6) pillars of decentralization of health care services
 - Explain five (5) key challenges in service delivery in the decentralized government
- Q10). Give an account of six (6) main types of policy analytic methods approaches and steps of conducting policy analysis