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COURSE CODE AND TITLE: BSN 215 - Medical Sociology

DATE: 7-APRIL-2025

Duration: 2 HOURS

Start: 2:00 PM

Finish: 4:00 PM

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 I - MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

(20 MARKS)

1. Social disorganization implies some breakdown in the organization of.....
 - A. Society
 - B. Community
 - C. Institutions
 - D. Politics

2. In medical sociology discipline incidence of illness is to a large extent.....by social and cultural factors
 - A. Modified
 - B. Reject
 - C. Determined
 - D. Hindered

3. Research is the systematic process of pre-planned: -
 - A. Activity
 - B. Inquiry
 - C. Investigation
 - D. Observation

4. Talcott Parsons contribute to the field of medical sociology by: -
 - 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.

5. The concept of the sick role introduced by: -
 - A. Robert straus
 - B. Karl Marx
 - C. Talcot person
 - D. Aristotle

6. The role of the sociologist in the health care system is: -
 - A. Medical provider
 - B. Preventer of diseases
 - C. Patient advocate
 - D. Controller of funds

7. The word "Sociology" is made up of two words: -
 - A. Societies and logy
 - B. Socitia and logistics
 - C. Socious and logos
 - D. Social and logos

8. Social status based on an "individual"s effort" is referred to as: -
 - A. Achieved
 - B. Ascribed
 - C. Merit
 - D. Closed System

9. The expected behaviour of an individual occupying a particular social position is termed as: -
- A. Role
 - B. Norm
 - C. Ritual
 - D. Folkway
10. Roy, an American, assumes that the American culture and way of life are the norm and superior to all others. This is an example of: -
- A. Culture shock
 - B. Stereotyping
 - C. Ethnocentrism
 - D. Endogamy
11. The study of the structure of layers in society and people's movement between them is known as: -
- A. Social stratification
 - B. Social conflict
 - C. Social control
 - D. Social solidarity
12. The process by which we acquire a sense of identity and become members of society is known as: -
- A. Rationalization
 - B. Radicalization
 - C. Colonization
 - D. Socialization
13. The sociologist who first used the term „sociology“ is: -
- A. Max Weber
 - B. Karl Marx
 - C. Auguste Comte
 - D. Herbert Spenser
14. Folkway refers to: -
- A. Strongly held norms usually with a moral connotation
 - B. Norms that permit a wide degree of individual interpretation.
 - C. Rules and behaviours agreed upon and shared within a culture
 - D. A culture notion of what is good and bad; desired and undesired.
15. The type of socialization occurring before onset of adulthood is:
- A. Primary
 - B. Secondary
 - C. Re-socialization
 - D. Reverse socialization

16. The type of kinship is crucial for understanding the transmission of genetic disorders is: -
- A. Affinal kinship
 - B. Fictive kinship
 - C. Consanguineal kinship
 - D. Matrilineal kinship
17. The following sociologist pioneered the conflict theory: -
- A. Herbert Spenser
 - B. Karl Marx
 - C. Auguste Comte
 - D. Max Weber
18. Martinez migrated to Sudan and found it difficult to adjust to the culture in that country. This is an example of : -
- A. Ethnocentrism
 - B. Culture adaptation
 - C. Culture shock
 - D. Cultural relativism
19. Which of the following best explains reason why chronic disease is more prominent in today's society?
- A. People cannot afford healthcare.
 - B. People are living longer.
 - C. People are avoiding routine exams.
 - D. People cannot break out of the class system.
20. The following is not one of the stages of illness experience: -
- A. Assumption of the sick role
 - B. Psychological denial
 - C. Dependent patient role
 - D. Recovery and rehabilitation

SECTION II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS - 30 MARKS

1. Highlight three (3) factors that affect social mobility. (3 marks)
2. State five (5) forms of social institutions. (5 marks)
3. State four (4) aims of socialization. (4 marks)
4. Explain any three (3)-health seeking source in society (6 marks)
5. Describe any four (4) retrogressive social and cultural beliefs and practices with regards on HIV/AIDS (8 marks)
6. State any four (4) social cultural factors which can affect the incidence and severity of a disease (4 marks)

SECTION III: LONG ANSWER QUESTION – (20 MARKS)

1. Health and illness are influenced not only by biological factors but also by social determinants.
 - a) Explain any five key social factors that influence health and illness (10 marks)
 - b) Describe five ways in which cultural beliefs affect medical treatment and health behaviour. (10 marks)