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**UNIT CODE: MBE 714: BELIEF SYSTEMS, RELIGION AND CULTURE**

**DATE: XX April, 2025**

**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**

1a. Explain the following terms as used among non-religious 1 Mark each

- i. Atheists
- ii. Agnostic
- iii. Humanists
- iv. Skeptics
- v. Freethinkers

b. Explain any **Five** reasons why are Minors Unable to Consent? 5 Marks

c. Explain any **Five** characteristic of belief systems 5 Marks

d. Differentiate between Religious and Non-Religious Belief Systems giving examples

5 Marks

e. Outline **Five** channels that culture is used to influences health.

5 Marks

**SECTION B (Set 5 Questions)**

**ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUE1STIONS (75 Marks)**

**Long Answer Questions**

2. Discuss the elements of Belief Systems

25 Marks

3. Describe the understanding of religion in Western perspectives

25 Marks

4. Culture includes within itself elements that make up the essence of culture as indicated by Henslin and Nelson, 1995; Calhoun, 1994). Discuss.

25 Marks

5. Health is a cultural concept because culture frames and shapes how we perceive the world and our experiences with this in mid discuss the impact of culture on health.

25 Marks

6a. How do religious perspectives on ethics influence legal and political systems in different cultures?

9 Marks

b. The moral controversies of contemporary bioethics are typically analyzed with reference to what has been termed “the bioethics paradigm,” which consists of a “trinity” of moral concepts- those of beneficence, justice, and autonomy. Discuss this perspective

16 Marks