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**UNIT CODE: HSM 717      UNIT NAME: HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING**  
**DATE:            8<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2025**  
**TIME:            Three Hours                      Start: 5:30 PM                      Finish: 8:30 PM**

**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. Explain five (5) characteristics of health policies that are inclusive and participatory (5 marks)
- Q2. Explain five (5) different ways of determining if a policy is effective in addressing the needs of communities (5 marks)
- Q3. Describe five (5) skills that a policy analyst should master (5 marks)
- Q4. Explain Five (5) reasons why policy analysis is important (5 marks)
- Q5. Describe three (3) the major types of policy statement (5 Marks)

## **SECTION B (Set 5 Questions)**

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

### **Long Answer Questions**

- Q6. Using theories can provide increased insight into how values, beliefs and norms influence policy making. Based on this statement explain the relevance of elite and mix-scanning theories in health policy making (25 marks).
- Q7. Using relevant examples, explain ten (10) the challenges faced in effective implementation of the Kenya's Universal Health coverage policy (25 marks).
- Q8a. Discuss different types of policy evaluation (10 marks).
- Q8b. Discuss seven (7) barriers to effective policy evaluation (15 marks).
- Q9. Explain five (5) different ways in which a health issue may get into the agenda for policy making (25 marks)
- Q10a. Describe Five (5) aims of the Kenya health sector strategic plan 2018-2023 (10 marks).
- Q10b. Explain the extent in which implementation of this strategic plan in Q10a above has contributed towards attainment of the highest standard of health in a manner responsive to the needs of the Kenyan population (15 marks).