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UNIT CODE: MBE 720 **UNIT NAME:** EVIDENCE-INFORMED POLICY MAKING

DATE: April, 2026

TIME: Three Hours

Start: 5:00PM

Finish: 8:00PM

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

1. Define evidence-informed policymaking. (5 marks)
2. Explain why evidence alone cannot determine policy decisions. (5 marks)
3. Identify two barriers to evidence use in policymaking. (5 marks)
4. Explain the importance of search strategies in finding policy evidence. (5 marks)
5. Describe one facilitator that improves evidence uptake. (5 marks)

SECTION B (Set 5 Questions)

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

6. Using one example each, analyse how politics, values, and context influence policymaking. (25 marks)
7. Discuss five major barriers to evidence use in policy making and how these barriers affect policy implementation. (25 Marks)
8. Explain how strategic search strategies improve evidence-informed decision-making. (25 marks)
9. Analyse, in five points, the ethical importance of using evidence in policy making. (25 marks)
10. Discuss five roles of communication and knowledge translation in bridging the gap between research and policy. (25 marks)