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MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ECONOMICS (HEALTH ECONOMICS)

HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING MEC518(2)

EXAMINATION DURATION 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS   JUN 2025
1. This paper carries six questions
2. Answer any four (4) questions.
3. All questions carry 25 marks and Total exam marks: 100
4. Cellphones are not allowed in the examination room.

Question 1

Identify and discuss the key indicators and targets used to measure health system performance in developing countries [25 marks].

Question 2

a) Describe the four main steps in development and implementing health policy process. [8 marks]

b) Using the simple model of Policy Analysis Triangle, explain the various sets of factors that are at work within any policy process. [15 marks]

c) Using an example of a public-health related policy, define Health policy [2 marks]

Question 3

(a) Discuss the main issues addressed by health policies in developing countries [15 marks]

(b) What kind of information do health planners and decision-makers need to direct health [10 marks]

Question 4

(a) Using the Primary Health care principles, describe how these principles can affect health planning and evaluation [10 marks]

(b) "Covid 19 affected health care delivery systems and left them vulnerable." Discuss this statement suggesting what to be considered in bringing policy reform given the effects. [15 marks]

Question 5

(a) State the main actors and stakeholders in health policy development process [10 marks]

(b) Explain the characteristics of an effective health policy [15 marks]

Question 6

Discuss the contextual factors that can possibly influence policy change in developing countries [25 marks]

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