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CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN HEALTH ECONOMICS MEC505 (3)
EXAMINATION DURATION 3 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper carries six questions
 2. Answer any four (4) questions.
 3. All questions carry 25 marks.
 4. Cellphones are not allowed in the examination room.
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Question 1

With the use of examples, discuss the contemporary health economics issues confronting health planners in the public sector. [25 marks]

Question 2

- (a) Explain the demand and supply dynamics in health care delivery [10 marks]
- (b) Discuss the factors that influence health financing in Zimbabwe [15 marks]

Question 3

- (a) Explain the Grossman model in model of health production and demand for health [15 marks]

Define the following terms

- (b) Mobility [2 marks]
- (c) Mortality [2 marks]
- (d) Illicit drug abuse [2 marks]
- (e) Health Equity [4 marks]

Question 4

- (a) Discuss the major issues that could be considered in effecting Health reforms in development countries. [15 marks]
- (b) Discuss the health indicators used to measure progress in attaining SDG Number 3. [10 marks]

Question 5

- (a) Explain the sources of health financing considering public, private and external perspectives [5 marks]
- (b) With reference to developing countries what would be the key factors influencing health financing and health expenditure allocations [20 marks]

Question 6

- (a) State five reasons for failure of the healthcare markets when considering supply and demand issues [10 marks]
- (b) Discuss the WHO building Blocks and what would you recommend as strategies for health systems strengthening. [15 marks]

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