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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
JUNE/JULY EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: HEM703

COURSE TITLE: Diseases, Illness and Society (3 Units)

TIME ALLOWED: 3 hours

INSTRUCTION: Read the questions carefully. You have seven questions to answer five. All questions carry equal marks (14%) each.

Question 1

- a. What is the difference between disease and illness? (4marks)
- b. Explain the two important concepts of health. (10marks)

Question 2

- a. In a tabular form, using NDHS, 2008 data, describe percentage men and women that have the knowledge that abstinence from sexual intercourse is one of the ways of preventing HIV/AIDS infection according to age. (12marks)
- b. Which age group has the highest knowledge? (1mark)
- c. How do you rate the overall knowledge – Very high, High, Moderate, Low and very low? (1 mark)

Question 3

- a. Mention at least 8 major diseases that lead to childhood morbidity and mortality with examples where possible. (4marks; ½ marks each)
- b. Discuss the important components of treatment cost. (10 marks)

Question 4

- a. When was the first case of AIDS identified and reported in Nigeria? (2 marks)
- b. Mention six of the philosophy of traditional medicine. (12marks)

Question 5

- a. Which instrument has been used to track HIV prevalence in the country since 1991? (2 marks)
- b. Discuss the forms of traditional medicine you know. (12 marks)

Question 6

- a. List any five common philosophy of modern medical practice? (10marks)

- b. What is HIV/AIDS? (4marks)

Question 7

- a. What is a sick role? (3 marks)
- b. List the main aspects of a sick role as enumerated by Talcott Parsons.
(6marks)
- c. What are the stages of illness behaviour? (5marks)