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SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
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Course Code:	HEM705	Course Credit Unit: 3
Course Title –	Human Behaviour in Illness	
Time Allowed:	2hours	
Total Score:	70 marks	
Instruction:	Answer all the questions	

Question 1 (25 marks)

1a) Nkurukiis HIV positive and is undergoing treatment; explain with appropriate examples how he can perceive his condition in the following ways:

- i. As subjective sensation (5 marks)
- ii. As an observable symptom (5 marks)
- iii. As a disorder (5 marks)

1b) Why is symptom verbalization very important in illness diagnosis and management? (10 marks)

Question 2

Explain with appropriate examples the following

- a) Stages of illness behavior (5 marks)
- b) Corresponding behaviors associated with each stage (5 marks)
- c) Outcome of illness behavior in each stage (5 marks)

Question 3

- a) Explain with examples, four cognitive dimensions of illness belief and perception (8 marks)
- b) Using some examples, discuss in detail the six common stages that are required for coping in illness (12 marks)

Question 4

Overuse and delay in medical care is triggered by both emotional and behavioural factors. Discuss (10 marks)