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**MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

HEM 603: DISEASES, ILLNESS AND SOCIETY  
TIME 3 HOURS

Instructions: Read the questions carefully. You have seven questions to answer five. All questions carry equal marks (20%) each.

**QUESTION 1**

- 1a. What is a disease as stated by Rodney M. Cole? (5marks)
- b. What is the difference between disease and illness? (2marks)
- c. What is WHO definition of health? (2marks)
- d. Explain the concepts of health. (11marks)

**QUESTION 2**

- 2a. With the use of a table, describe the percentage distribution of births according to antenatal care during pregnancy in NDHS, 1999. (15marks)
- b. Which variables affected antenatal care during pregnancy using the table in question 2a? (5marks)

**QUESTION 3**

- a. Mention diseases that lead to childhood illnesses and mortality. (5marks)
- b. Name health care facilities we have in Nigeria. (4marks)
- c. Explain the important components of treatment cost. (11marks)

**QUESTION 4**

- a. Differentiate between traditional medicine and witchcraft. (10marks)
- b. List the philosophy of traditional medicine. (10marks)

**QUESTION 5**

- a. Discuss the forms of traditional medicine you know. (20 marks)

**QUESTION 6**

- a. List the common philosophy of modern medical practice?(14marks)
- b. Identify the main features of a modern hospital. (6marks)

#### QUESTION 7

- a. What is a sick role? (3marks)
- b. List the main aspects of a sick role as enumerated by Talcott Parsons. (12marks)
- c. Enumerate the stages of illness behaviour.(5marks)