



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF ARTS

ASC 327: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

DATE: Thursday, 3rd April 2014

TIME: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **THREE** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Explain the contribution of Alfred Grotjahn and Rudolf Virchow in the development of medical sociology. (14 marks)
(b) Why is the study of health and illness relevant today? (9 marks)
2. (a) Using a global perspective, discuss FIVE inequalities in health care delivery that exist today. (15 marks)
(b) In what ways can such inequalities be addressed? (8 marks)
3. To what extent do you agree with the biomedical model assertion that the hospital is the only appropriate place where treatment and healing should occur? Use examples to explain your answers. (23 marks)
4. Using the Parsonsian functionalism theory, discuss the role that sick individuals should play to contribute to optimal functioning of society. (23 marks)
5. A critically ill child commercial sex worker has come to seek treatment from your health facility following a rape ordeal. Discuss five ethical principles that health care providers should pay attention to in handling this patient and why. (23 marks)