



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

PRH 807: SOCIO-CULTURAL DIMENSIONS IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

DATE: Friday, 24th November 2017

TIME: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION A IS COMPULSORY (50 MARKS)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS (30 MARKS EACH)

SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

QUESTION ONE (50 MARKS)

Define the following terms as applied in Reproductive Health:

- i) Social Cultural practice (5 Marks)
- ii) Coming to age (5 marks)
- iii) Sexual Cleansing (5 Marks)
- iv) Marrying out (5 Marks)
- v) Using illustrations from any Kenyan Community, discuss
 - i) Discuss any three (3) ways in which to mitigate the influence of cultural practices on reproductive health. (9 Marks)
 - ii) Discuss any three (3) cultural taboos that influence reproductive health. (9 marks)
 - iii) Using relevant examples, describe any one (1) rite of Passage practiced in the African cultural settings and its significance to Reproductive Health. (6 Marks)
 - iv) Using examples, discuss the importance of 'coming to age' in reproductive health. (6 Marks)

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QUESTION TWO (30 MARKS)

Describe the men's view versus the women's view on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

(5 Marks)

Discuss any two (2) short term and any three (3) long term consequences of FGM and their importance in reproductive health.

(10 Marks)

Describe a community programme that would eradicate FGM as a harmful practice. (15 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (30 MARKS)

Harmful traditional practices refer to behaviours and practices which have been committed primarily against women and girls in certain communities and societies for so long that they are considered, or presented by perpetrators, as part of accepted cultural practice.

Using examples from a named community group in the world, discuss five taboos in marriage and their implications in reproductive health.

QUESTION FIVE (30 MARKS)

Giving examples from any Religious group, discuss the role of religion in the disparities of Sexual and Reproductive health outcomes. Discuss.

(30 Marks)

QUESTION SIX (30 MARKS)

Family dynamics significantly impact on Reproductive health in both positive and negative ways.

- a) Discuss any five positive aspects of Family Dynamics and their impact on reproductive health. (15 Marks)
- b) Discuss any five negative aspects of Family dynamics and their impact on reproductive health. (15 Marks)