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Title of paper: INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

Course code: EHS 316

Time allowed: 2 hours

Marks allocation: 100 Marks

Instructions:

- 1) Read the questions and instructions carefully
- 2) Answer ALL questions
- 3) Each question is weighted **50 or 25** marks
- 4) Write neatly and clearly
- 5) Begin each question in a separate sheet of paper

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INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (EHS 316)
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QUESTION ONE

In terms of Article 6 of the International Health Regulations (2005) each State Party has an obligation to assess events occurring within its territory by using the decision instrument in Annex 2 and to notify the World Health Organization of events that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern.

- a). State the definition of the expression “public health emergency of international concern” as provided in the Regulations. (6 marks)

- b). Describe the criteria for assessing and notifying the World Health Organization of events that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern set out in the said instrument, citing the relevant diseases specified in respect of each criterion. (30 marks)

- c). What is the mode of notification to the World Health Organization and the time limit within which to notify assessed events? (4 marks)

- d). State the obligation of the World Health Organization, following notification by a State Party of an event that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern, citing the relevant provision of the Regulations. (6 marks)

- e). State the obligation of a State Party, following a notification to the World Health Organization in terms of the said provision. (4 marks)

[Total: 50 Marks]

QUESTION TWO

Annex 1 of the International Health Regulations, 2005 provides for the assessment and development of core public health capacities for surveillance and response and at designated points of entry.

- a). State the core capacity requirements for designated points of entry to be provided by State Parties at all times. (19 marks)
- b). State the core capacity requirements for surveillance and response for the assessment and notification of events that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern, at the national level. (6 marks)

[Total: 25 Marks]

QUESTION THREE

The International Health Regulations (2005) specify obligations for State Parties and the World Health Organization regarding implementation thereof. Specify the obligations of the World Health Organization in respect of the following areas:

- a). Responsible authorities; (4 marks)
- b). Surveillance; (4 marks)
- c). Technical assistance and support (4 marks)
- d). Disseminate information; (4 marks)
- e). Recommendations; (4 marks)
- f). Developing capacity; and (3 marks).
- g). Co-operation with other international bodies. (2 marks)

[Total: 25 Marks]