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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF MIDWIFERY SCIENCE  
FINAL EXAMINATION: MAY 2019

**COURSE TITLE:** HEALTH POLICY PLANNING AND  
FINANCING

**COURSE CODE:** MWF 632

**DURATION OF EXAMINATION:** THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. READ QUESTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**
- 2. THE EXAMINATION HAS FOUR QUESTIONS, ANSWER ALL OF THEM;**
- 3. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, EACH QUESTION IS WEIGHTED 25 MARKS**
- 4. START EACH NEW QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE;**
- 5. MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUR ANSWERS ARE NUMBERED CORRECTLY;**
- 6. USE THE PROVIDED ANSWER BOOKLET FOR ALL YOUR ANSWERS.**
- 7. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY.**

**PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION PAPER UNTIL  
PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE CHIEF  
INVIGILATOR OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE**

### **QUESTION ONE**

- A. Describe the two main types of public health policies **(4 marks)**.
- B. In any give health care system, policies address three key goals. Explain the goals that a health policy serves **(6 marks)**.
- C. A policy has five broad functions. List and describe each function of a policy **(15 marks)**.

**[SUB-TOTAL MARKS: 25]**

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### **QUESTION TWO**

- A. Health policies are in many ways different from and similar to health statutes. Briefly describe differences and similarities between policy is and statutes? **(10 marks)**.
- B. In the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, there has been an increasing call towards systems thinking and approach to address health challenges such as maternal, neonatal and child mortality.
  - B.1 What to you understand by systems thinking **(3 marks)**.
  - B.2 How can a systems thinking be beneficial in reducing Maternal, Neonatal and Child Mortality **(12 marks)**

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### **QUESTION THREE**

- A. The policy development process broadly follows one of two approaches: the incrementalist approach or the rationalist approach. Discuss the difference between the two approaches including their advantages and disadvantages **(10 marks)**
- B. Heath policies are derived from a number of national, regional and international declarations amongst other sources. Discuss how the

following sources have impacted on maternal, neonatal and child health policies in the country.

1. Constitution of Swaziland Act, 2005 **(3 marks)**
2. The International Conference on Population and Development **(5 marks)**
3. The Millennium Development Goals **(7 marks)**

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#### **QUESTION FOUR**

Health Financing is an important aspect of a health system, and a key determinant towards access to quality maternal, neonatal and child health services. As an expert midwife you are part of a team that has been appointed to write a policy concept paper motivating for an increase in health financing to improve maternal health outcomes. Discuss the analytic process you would follow in coming up with the contents of the concept note. **(25 marks)**

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