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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

COURSE CODE: ECO424

TITLE OF PAPER: HEALTH ECONOMICS II

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instructions

1. This paper consists of two (2) sections, A and B
2. Section A, is compulsory and carries 40 marks
3. Section B, contains three (3) questions
4. Answer any other two (2) questions in Section B

Special Requirements

Scientific calculator

Additional Material (s)

None

DO NOT turn examination paper over until instructed to do so.

SECTION A

Question 1 - Compulsory

[40]

- a) Discuss the impact of medicalization of social issues and the de-medicalization of medical conditions on the demand and supply of health and health outcomes of the population? [10]
- b) Discuss the structure of Eswatini's health care system. Is it sufficient to meet the objectives of a health system? [10]
- c) Discuss the current health financing mechanisms for Eswatini. Intelligently discuss if the current arrangement is sustainable. [10]
- d) Compare and contrast cost benefit analysis, cost effectiveness analysis and benefit cost ratios as techniques for the valuation of healthcare programmes. [10]

SECTION B

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

Question 2

- a) Discuss the challenges and successes of implementing sector wide approaches in Eswatini. [15]
- b) Give a brief description of Eswatini's socio-demographic profile and discuss which health financing modality would be suitable for Eswatini. [15]

Question 3

- a) Eswatini is currently battling three pandemics viz, HIV/AIDS, COVID-19 and Non-Communicable Diseases. Discuss the impact of the diseases' burden on Economic Growth [15]
- b) What is a resource mobilization strategy? What should it entail? What are the steps in developing a resource mobilization strategy? [15]

Question 4

- a) What is a policy? [5]
- b) What is the role of policy analysis, design and management? [10]
- c) What are the important gender dynamics to consider in policy analysis, design and management of the health sector? [15]