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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL NURSING

COURSE CODE: GNS635

TITLE OF PAPER: DEMOGRAPHY FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instructions

1.

Answer any four (4) questions

Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book when instructed by the Chief Invigilator and sign their examination attendance cards but must NOT write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.

No electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving text, including electronic dictionaries and any form of foreign material may be used while in the examination room.

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

Question 1 [25 marks]

Describe fully the differences in the mortality of individuals and groups with respect to biological, lifestyle, environmental, demographic and socioeconomic characteristics in the context of developing countries.

Question 2 [25 marks]

2.1 What is meant by the following terms?

a. Biological ageing; [2]

b. Population ageing. [3]

2.2 What are the consequences of population ageing for developing countries? [20]

Question 3 [25 marks]

Discuss Omran's (1971; 1981) theory of Epidemiological Transition and its relevance to contemporary developing countries.

Question 4 [25 marks]

Explain fully the implications of migration for health and healthcare in developing countries.

Question 5 [25 marks]

The increasing diversity in household structure is a result of several interdependent trends taking place in society. Discuss in the context of Southern Africa region.

Question 6 [25 marks]

Distinguishing between developing and developed countries, explain fully the reasons behind the historical worldwide decline in mortality since the middle of 19th century.