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2021_1 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS ...

PROGRAMME: BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE (BNSc)

COURSE CODE: NSC 407

COURSE TITLE – INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH ECONOMICS

CREDIT UNITS: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 70%

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Government involvement in the National Health Insurance scheme includes provision of drugs at subsidized prices.
 - a. Explain five (5) basic determinants of drug supply in the Primary Health Centers. **(10 marks)**
 - b. Write short notes on any five (5) of the following types of health insurance
 - i. Private health Insurance
 - ii. Public Health Insurance
 - iii. Social insurance
 - iv. Community Sponsored Insurance
 - v. Indirect Insurance
 - vi. Reimbursement **(2 marks each)**
- 2a. Discuss the three distinct features of health care market that spare it from being controlled solely by price **(6 marks)**
- b. “The inefficiency in health system increases with the increase of simple illness cases treated at the higher levels of health care”. Justify this statement using your understanding of resource allocation for health care and Pyramid of healthcare. **(4 marks)**
3. In health care services, it is pertinent to keep costs within acceptable range for volume, inflation and other extraneous parameters. This is done through five (5) processes.
 - a. Describe these processes;
 - i. Cost Awareness
 - ii. Cost Monitoring
 - iii. Cost Avoidance
 - iv. Cost Reduction
 - v. Cost Control **(10 marks)**
 - b. **Describe** five characteristics of enabling environment that will improve health by reducing burden of disease. **10 marks**
4. Write short notes on the following:
 1. Direct government financing
 2. User charges
 3. Community Financing
 4. Foreign Aid **(5 marks each)**