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SSU 2206 - HEALTH ECONOMICS**



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**DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS**

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**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

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**Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.**

1. Briefly explain the role of public sector in health care and discuss the choices the government has to make to set priorities.
2. (a) Explain the term “Health Development”.  
(b) Discuss the factors that contribute to health development.
3. Choose any one population-based health service and discuss how they work, why they are important and a possible intervention available to improve it.
4. Discuss the arguments for and against private sector participation in health care.
5. Explain the major options in health care financing.
6. One of the major recommendations of the presidential task force on health policy was health planning. Discuss.
7. Is the health of the public a public responsibility? Discuss.
8. (a) Can health be measured? Briefly discuss.  
(b) Explain the health indicators and their uses.
9. Write brief notes on any four (04) of the following:
  - (i) User charge for health care
  - (ii) Health insurance
  - (iii) Situation analysis
  - (iv) Medical care and income elasticity
  - (v) World Health Organisation (WHO)
  - (vi) Essential clinical services

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