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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(MMUST)**

(MAIN CAMPUSES)

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FOR THE MASTER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

**COURSE CODE: PHP 823**

**COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH**

**DATE: 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**TIME: 8.00AM-11.00AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

**CANDIDATE SHOULD ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS**

1. Culture is commonly divided into two broad categories at opposite ends of a continuum namely, **collectivistic** and **individualistic**. This can also be described as an iceberg, with its most powerful features hidden under the ocean surface. Discuss the hidden and the obvious elements of culture. (15 marks).
2. You recently got an appointment as a Community Health Extension Worker attached a Nyang'oma dispensary. In the course of your duty you have been called to attend to a patient who was

admitted with sign of a skin disease. The patient insist that they need to be released to seek cure outside the hospital as they believe his situation needs a cultral intervention. Discuss how you would approach the situation on your understanding on how cultural can define a patient's believe about the causes of disease.

3. Health equity is about the values of fairness and justice. Discuss the five of factors that can contribute to health Inequalities in society (15 marks).
4. Health is more complex and entails multiple dimensions. Discuss the five dimensions to health (15 marks)
5. Social determinants of health are a key factors to consider in addressing health challenges. As a community health specialist in the office of the the governor, you have been requested to make a presentation to h ighlight five social determinants of health and these how these determinants could affect health directly or indirectly. (15 marks).
6. Agents of socialization shaping our mindset and thinking as health promotors. Giving examples, discuss five agents of socialization. (15 marks)