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COURSE CODE: NUR 520
COURSE TITLE: COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING III
MARKS ALLOCATED: 75
TIME ALLOCATED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. THIS PAPER CONTAINS A TOTAL OF THREE QUESTIONS.**
- 2. READ THE QUESTIONS WITH UNDERSTANDING.**
- 3. ANSWER ALL THE THREE QUESTIONS.**
- 4. WRITE LEGIBLY.**

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QUESTION 1

- A. The human family is the most important client in Community Health Nursing
 - i. Give a definition of the concept "family" which is inclusive of the various family forms that prevail in the community today (2)
- B. According to early nursing scholars the family is viewed as a **social system** which is made up of two or more persons.
 - a) Describe two reasons for viewing the family as a social system (4)
- C. Community Health Nurses (CHNs) have to work with families in the community.
 - i. Discuss three important reasons why CHNs have to work with families (9)
- D. One of the basic purposes of the family is to meet societal needs.
 - a) Discuss two things the family does to fulfil this purpose (6)
- E. Healthy families are a result of health promotive and preventive services that are provided by CHNs in communities.
 - i. Describe any two (2) characteristics of a healthy family (4)

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QUESTION 2

- A. Family relations are an important aspect to be assessed in CHN
 - i. Describe three (3) things you would assess within the community to determine family relationships. (6)
- B. Child bearing is an expectation in many traditional families and as a result of this expectation childlessness is usually blamed on the female partner.
 - i. Discuss two (2) things you would advise a childless family with in order to bring a state of equilibrium in the family (6)
- C. Decision making, as one of the family structural components, is not supposed to be an individual family member effort but a joint family effort.
 - i. List five (5) features of a decision (5)
 - ii. Discuss two (2) effects of poor decision in the family (6)
- D. The health care function of the family has a great influence on the individual family member's health status.
 - i. List two (2) things that are used by the family to promote family members' health (2)

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QUESTION 3

- A. The nuclear family is one family form that is ideal but vanishing nowadays. This family form has several variations one of which is a dual earner nuclear family which is usually faced with a lot of challenges .
 - i. Discuss three (3) of these challenges (9)
- B. Single parenthood is one of the most prevailing family forms in most societies today.
 - ii. Mention three (3) factors that lead to this family form (3)
 - iii. Discuss any three (3) features of single parenthood (9)
- C. The family, according to the General Systems Theory, is viewed as a social system.

Describe the system under the following characteristics:

- i. Holism (2)
- ii. Interconnectedness (2)

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