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UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: MSc. IN FAMILY NURSE SCIENCE PRACTICE

COURSE CODE: GNS609

TITLE OF PAPER: HEALTH ECONOMICS

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS
2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS

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QUESTION 1

- a) Health economics are applied and empirical in its approach. What is its scope and relevance to health care? **[15 Marks]**
- b) Discuss the need and the importance of the Government role in the health care services to its citizens. **[10 MARKS]**

QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss the Equity social welfare function in the context of the health sector. **[10 MARKS]**
- b) Uncertain One of the criteria that is applied in measuring the health system performance is through efficiency. Define what is meant by efficiency and how it can be measured in the health sector. **[15 MARKS]**

QUESTION 3

There are significant policy concerns not only with the growth of spending in the health sector but also with the sustainability of health financing. Discuss the possible strategies that can be adopted by the Kingdom of Eswatini in sustaining the health financing. **[25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 4

a) Discuss the advantages of the use of (i) the contingent valuation method and (ii) discrete choice experiments to elicit willingness to pay in the health care sector? **[15 MARKS]**

b) Discuss the advantages of using Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALYs) as a measure of health outcomes in economic evaluation in the health sector? **[10 MARKS]**