Western Australian Certificate of Education
ATAR course examination, 2016

Question/Answer booklet

HEALTH STUDIES

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Student number: In figures

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Time allowed for this paper
Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes
Working time: three hours

Materials required/recommended for this paper
To be provided by the supervisor
This Question/Answer booklet
Multiple-choice answer sheet

To be provided by the candidate
Standard items: pens (blue/black preferred), pencils (including coloured), sharpener, correction fluid/tape, eraser, ruler, highlighters
Special items: nil

Important note to candidates
No other items may be taken into the examination room. It is your responsibility to ensure that you do not have any unauthorised material. If you have any unauthorised material with you, hand it to the supervisor before reading any further.
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Instructions to candidates

1. The rules for the conduct of the Western Australian Certificate of Education ATAR course examinations are detailed in the Year 12 Information Handbook 2016. Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.

2. Answer the questions according to the following instructions.

   Section One: Answer all questions on the separate Multiple-choice answer sheet provided. For each question, shade the box to indicate your answer. Use only a blue or black pen to shade the boxes. If you make a mistake, place a cross through that square, then shade your new answer. Do not erase or use correction fluid/tape. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers. No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

   Section Two: Write your answers in this Question/Answer booklet. Wherever possible, confine your answers to the line spaces provided.

   Section Three: Consists of four questions. You must answer two questions. Write your answers in this Question/Answer booklet.

3. You must be careful to confine your answers to the specific questions asked and to follow any instructions that are specific to a particular question.

4. Additional working space pages at the end of this Question/Answer booklet are for planning or continuing an answer. If you use these pages, indicate at the original answer, the page number it is planned/continued on and write the question number being planned/continued on the additional working space page.
Section One: Multiple-choice 20% (20 Marks)

This section has 20 questions. Answer all questions on the separate Multiple-choice answer sheet provided. For each question shade the box to indicate your answer. Use only a blue or black pen to shade the boxes. If you make a mistake, place a cross through that square, then shade your new answer. Do not erase or use correction fluid/tape. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers. No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

Suggested working time: 30 minutes.

1. A biomedical factor that may impact health inequities is
   (a) gender.
   (b) access to health care.
   (c) age.
   (d) birth weight.

2. An example of social justice in health is the
   (a) provision of mental health care services in regional areas.
   (b) promotion of vaccination programs through education campaigns.
   (c) provision of additional health services for the wealthy.
   (d) implementation of policies that discourage community participation.

3. An independent party working to resolve conflict between groups is applying the skill of
   (a) problem solving.
   (b) mediation.
   (c) negotiation.
   (d) conflict resolution.

4. Interventions designed to reduce health inequities and improve health outcomes should take into account
   (a) what has worked well in the past.
   (b) the characteristics and needs of specific groups.
   (c) normative behaviour within a community.
   (d) creative and innovative approaches.

5. Factors that create health inequities include
   (a) being socially isolated.
   (b) involvement in radical social groups.
   (c) having a predisposition to chronic disease.
   (d) being overweight or obese.
6. The **main** purpose of a health needs assessment is to identify
(a) gaps in services and lobby governments for additional resources.
(b) leaders in the community who can advocate on behalf of others.
(c) health issues affecting a community and determine suitable actions.
(d) and propose strategies to address health inequities.

7. Analysing trend data in a health inquiry enables researchers to
(a) predict future rates of occurrence and events.
(b) identify the impact of social determinants on health.
(c) look into the causes of death and disease.
(d) advocate for additional research funding.

8. Every day, thousands of children all over the world die before their fifth birthday. This is **mostly** due to
(a) parental neglect.
(b) low incomes.
(c) poor sanitation.
(d) health inequities.

9. An example of a government policy to address unfair or avoidable differences in health status is to
(a) introduce legislation for daylight saving.
(b) increase investment in regional development and rural jobs.
(c) introduce a tax on fresh fruit and vegetables.
(d) implement a levy for the use of mental health services.

10. The socio-ecological model of health is **best** described as
(a) individuals being responsible for their own state of health.
(b) individuals managing risk and taking action to avoid harm.
(c) a set of broad determinants influencing health.
(d) everyone taking action to improve their own and others’ health.

11. Which of the following is an example of health promotion advocacy?
(a) enabling people to speak for themselves
(b) promoting lifelong learning opportunities
(c) encouraging better communication between groups
(d) mediating between conflicting parties
12. National Health Priority Areas in Australia include
   (a) cancer, Parkinson’s disease and stroke.
   (b) injury prevention and dental health.
   (c) asthma, cardiovascular disease and alcoholism.
   (d) cancer, dementia and asthma.

13. Long waiting lists for patients to see a doctor is an example of
   (a) a comparative need.
   (b) an expressed need.
   (c) a felt need.
   (d) a cognitive need.

14. Arbitration is a skill that involves
   (a) an independent party resolving a dispute in a court of law.
   (b) two people compromising to reach a fair and reasonable outcome.
   (c) resolving a dispute using whatever means possible.
   (d) an independent party listening to both sides and making a decision.

15. Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs is based on the assumption that
   (a) moving between different levels of need is rare.
   (b) not everyone wants to move towards self-actualisation.
   (c) people are strongly motivated to achieve basic needs.
   (d) people are satisfied with fulfilling one or two survival-based needs.

16. The main purpose of epidemiology is to
   (a) determine how to allocate scarce health resources.
   (b) identify causes and patterns of disease in populations.
   (c) provide the media with an indication of the severity of disease.
   (d) track the number of admissions to emergency departments.

17. Which of the following is not a function of the World Health Organisation?
   (a) providing leadership on health where collaborative action is needed
   (b) raising funds to help developing nations build critical infrastructure
   (c) monitoring health issues and assessing health trends
   (d) building the capacity of nations to address their own health issues

18. Differences in personal health literacy are most influenced by a person’s
   (a) age and gender.
   (b) goal setting and assertiveness.
   (c) age and level of education.
   (d) gender and life experience.
19. Empowering individuals through education is an example of which Ottawa Charter action area?

(a) developing personal skills  
(b) building a more informed community  
(c) strengthening community action  
(d) reorienting health services

20. Which of the following best explains why governments should increase investment in health promotion?

(a) Diagnosing and treating preventable disease is costly.  
(b) The infant mortality rate in Australia is increasing.  
(c) Australians already experience a good level of health.  
(d) The prevalence of preventable health issues is reducing.

End of Section One
Section Two: Short answer  

This section has six (6) questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time: 90 minutes.

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**Question 21**

(a) What is the purpose of the Australian Government’s aid program?  

(2 marks)
(b) Identify three social determinants of health and outline how each one contributes to health inequities. (6 marks)

(c) Outline three global and/or local barriers to addressing social determinants in an effort to improve the health of disadvantaged populations. (3 marks)
Question 22  

(a) Outline three benefits of using health promotion advocacy.  

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At your school, several people have expressed concern that the canteen menu has far too many unhealthy foods and not enough healthy options.

(b) Describe **three** health promotion strategies that students could use to advocate for the supply of healthier foods. As part of the description of each strategy, provide an example to show how it can be used to successfully bring about change.  

(6 marks)
Question 23  (6 marks)

Since the outbreak of civil war in Syria, hundreds of thousands of citizens have been killed or injured. This has resulted in a humanitarian crisis, with millions of people requiring assistance and resettlement in neighbouring countries and across the globe – including Australia.

(a) Outline **three** cultural factors that are likely to influence the health of Syrian people who have sought refuge in Australia. (3 marks)

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(b) Identify **three** ways being socially isolated from family and friends can affect the health of Syrian refugees who have settled in Australia. (3 marks)

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Question 24

Since the 1970s, Australian governments have introduced laws, regulations and policies that place restrictions on smoking with the aim to improve the health of all Australians by eliminating or reducing exposure to tobacco.

(a) Provide three reasons why policies and regulations are important priorities for governments. (3 marks)

(b) Provide an example of a government policy that either restricts or promotes healthy behaviour, and explain how it contributes to a healthier community. (3 marks)
Question 25  (9 marks)

(a) Provide definitions of the following health indicators: life expectancy; mortality; morbidity.  
(3 marks)

(b) Outline three reasons why health indicators are a useful measure of health outcomes.  
(3 marks)
(c) Identify **three** criteria that can be applied to ensure sources of health information are reliable. (3 marks)
Question 26

Your local council has opened a new drop-in centre for young people that encourages social interaction and positive relationships. The centre is part of a broader strategy to address mental health in the community. Other activities include providing physical activity classes to build resilience and manage stress, and a local doctor visits the centre twice a week to support young people in talking about their mental health.

(a) Which areas of the Ottawa Charter are being addressed in the above case study? (3 marks)

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(b) Define enabling, mediating and advocating strategies within the Ottawa Charter. Using examples, describe how each strategy can support young people and communities to improve mental health outcomes. (6 marks)

End of Section Two
Section Three: Extended answer

This section contains four (4) questions. You must answer two (2) questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time: 60 minutes.

Question 27 (15 marks)

(a) Define health literacy and provide four reasons why it is an important skill. (5 marks)
(b) Explain why the **five** actions outlined in the Rio Declaration on Social Determinants have been identified as critical to addressing health inequities. (10 marks)
Question 28

Choose a health care reform you have studied in this course.

Name of reform: ____________________________________________________________

(a) Describe the reform and its purpose. (3 marks)

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(b) Outline who is eligible to participate in the reform. (2 marks)

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(c) Describe the advantages and disadvantages of the reform for consumers. (10 marks)

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(a) Step 3 of the PABCAR model of public health is to assess the benefits and costs of implementing an intervention. In order, what are the other steps in the model? (4 marks)
As a health promotion practitioner, you have applied the first two steps of the PABCAR model and are about to assess the benefits and costs of a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.

(b) Discuss the benefits and costs of introducing a tax on sugary drinks. (6 marks)
Question 29 (continued)

Taxing unhealthy products such as sugary drinks is one way of promoting healthier behaviour and addressing health inequities.

(c) Discuss in detail one other action to reduce health inequities and explain how it can be applied to achieve better health outcomes for disadvantaged groups. (5 marks)
Achieving good health outcomes for people living in rural and remote Australia is an enormous challenge. It is not just about improving access to health services. Addressing the determinants of health is also critical.

With the exception of improving access to health care, identify five socioeconomic determinants of health experienced by Australians living in rural and remote locations and explain how each one contributes to health inequities.
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