



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
2019_1 EXAMINATION**

COURSE TITLE: HEALTH ECONOMICS
COURSE CODE: ECO 449
UNITS: 2
TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instruction: Answer Question 1 and any other 2 questions

- 1a. Define the term health economics? (4 marks)
- 1b. Describe the relationship between economy and health? (6 marks)
- 1c. List and explain the reasons why the need for health care far exceeds the effective demand for it? (8 marks)
- 1d. List and explain the four (4) different types of health care cost? (12 marks)

- 2a. Discuss any five reasons for the current trend in cost of health? (15 marks)
- 2b. List any five advantages and disadvantages of budgeting in health care delivery? (5 marks)

- 3a. What are the problems contributing to inadequacy of resources for health care in developing countries? (12 marks)
- 3b. Describe how improved economy can lead to improved health? (8 marks)

- 4a. Discuss the concept of health insurance scheme? (5 marks)
- 4b. List and briefly explain any five types of health insurance scheme? (15 marks)

- 5a. Describe the various options of health care financing in Nigeria? (10 marks)
- 5b. Discuss the role of each tier of government finance in health care delivery and give specific examples. (10 marks)