

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO
BA SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS
SA 361- GERONTOLOGY

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MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question 1 and any other Three:

All Questions Carry 25 marks each.

Question 1 is compulsory

QUESTION 1

With appropriate ethnographic examples, examine the changes in the roles of the elderly in the African indigenous family system. Support your answer with the experience of the elderly in any African contemporary society

QUESTION 2

Discuss with appropriate illustrations the major mechanisms adopted by the elderly in coping with their old age situation in your society.

QUESTION 3

Successful aging is a status that can be practically attained in the reality of human life. Discuss.

QUESTION 4

The elderly is associated with some perceptions, notions and beliefs by other members of the society. To what extent does this assertion apply to the elderly in your own society?

QUESTION 5

Write short notes on the following

- a) Life Extension
- b) Retirement
- c) Geriatrics
- d) Death
- e) Gerontology

QUESTION 6

Examine the problems associated with old age in the developing societies. Use appropriate examples from your society to demonstrate your answer.