Task 3 -Social Determinants of Health: Guideline on Report Writing

Please write up a report in approx **1700-1800 words** based on the topic ***“Health Disparities in Covid -19 pandemic and the social determinants of health (******1. Socioeconomic Status, 2. Ethnicity, 3. Occupation/Employment, 4. Neighbourhood, 5. Social Support/Social Capital/Social Cohesion/Social Norm, 6. Gender & Sexuality)”****.*

The overarching theme should be about improving equity in health by addressing the specific social determinant of health in the report writing. You are welcome to use any resources, including the WHO reports on Social Determinants of Health*. You will be assessed mainly on the content, followed by organization, logic, composition, style, and references (citations).*

Marks will be deducted in assignments that exceed the word limit of 2000 words. ***Graphs and charts can be included in the report*** *and they are not counted as word*; however, marks will be deducted with excessive use of graph and charts. **Plagiarism Turnitin Index Similarity must not exceed more than 15%.**

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Requirements:

1. To write a report according to the guideline given. including ***introduction on health disparities in Covid 19 pandemic and the main focus must be on the elaboration on the 6 social determinants of health****. The 6 main social determinants of health are* ***1. Socioeconomic Status, 2. Ethnicity, 3. Occupation/Employment, 4. Neighbourhood, 5. Social Support/Social Capital/Social Cohesion/Social Norm, 6. Gender & Sexuality.***
2. ***INCLUDE MALAYSIA CONTEXT(MAINLY) AND TO INCLUDE GRAPH AND CHARTS.***
3. ***Assume health disparities in Covid 19 pandemic are as the after- effect and the 6 social determinants of health as the potential contributing factors leading to disparities in health during Covid 19 pandemic.***
4. ***Kindly keep up the word limits, do not exceed more than 2000 words and most important Plagiarism Turnitin Index Similarity must not exceed 15%***
5. ***Vancouver referencing.***
6. ***Deadline of submission:5th May 2021***

**Structure of Report Write Up**

1. Executive Summary (250-300 words)
   * A summary of the whole report of the topic
2. Introduction (Why this topic and what is the public health significance?)
   * Background for the subject matter
   * Problem statement – magnitude and impact of the problem, public health significance, current policies and programmes (address the gaps)
   * General and specific objectives
   * Lay out of report
   * Definition and measurement of the 6 specific Social Determinant of Health***.***
3. Literature Review (How do we justify the gaps/ issues?)
   * Subsections under literature review should tally with the objectives specified in the Introduction
   * Identify the evidence for health inequalities/disparities (should include global as well as local evidence)
   * Identify significant findings/ gaps from literature review (measures, methodological challenges, etc)
   * Identify current public health policies and programs (if any) targeting the studied Social Determinant of Health in Malaysia
4. Discussion (How do we explain the findings from literature review?)
   * Discuss significant findings from literature review (this should also tally with your objectives)
   * Discuss the Social Determinant of Health using Eco social theory or WHO CSDH framework
5. Conclusion and recommendations (What can be done?)
   * Conclude by highlighting the important findings/ gaps found in literature review
   * Give recommendations – public health/social policies, multilevel interventions or programmes that target Social Determinants of Health. What can be improved? Methods to influence attitudes or policy change?
   * Personal reflection on the topic

Thank you.