In Module 3, we discuss different health systems and ethics in global health. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that health systems are evaluated by examining **different essential building blocks, as described on p. 122-123 and shown in Figure 6-1 on page 123 in Skolnik**. In addition, **health systems can be categorized** as described on pages 123-124 of Skolnik, including Figure 6.3. In this assignment, we ask you to examine different health systems on the basis of some of those building blocks. Total Points: 33

1. **Select 2 of the essential building blocks of health systems and define each** (4 points): Definitions must be in your own words.

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| **Building Block** | **Definition** |
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1. Select two countries of different income categories from options below. You will use these same 2 countries for questions 2 - 4.

**High Income Countries**: Australia, France, or Japan

**Low or middle income countries:** Botswana, Rwanda, Vietnam or Haiti

On the chart on the next page **briefly describe the health systems of these 2 countries (including the basic categorization), describe the 2 health system building blocks you identified above for each country and describe how the country’s health systems addresses this building block; pick the same 2 building blocks for both countries. Please use proper APA citation in the chart and include the list of references in the reference section.** (12 points)

You can find health system information in the Skolnik book and in the following sources. You can also use outside research through websites and journal articles.

<https://international.commonwealthfund.org/>

<https://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11065:2015-universal-health-coverage-latin-america-caribbean&Itemid=3562&lang=fr> (Health in the Americas. Chapter by Country)

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| **Country Name** | **Description of Health System** | **Identify Building Block** | **Describe how Country’s Health System Addresses this Building Block** |
| *Example: USA* | *A pluralistic system where health is seen as a personal good. ACA (2010) established shared responsibility between government, employers and individuals for ensuring all individuals have access to affordable and quality health insurance. Multiple private and public sources of insurance, services and regulation. (Tiakkanen, et. al., 2017)* | *1. Financing* | *1. Insurance is funded by individuals, employers and public programs (Medicare, Medicaid); delivery is both privately and publicly funded; services are paid for through insurance or out of pocket by individuals ((Tiakkanen, et. al., 2017)* |
| *2. Leadership/*  *Governance* | *2. Mixed, public and private non-profit entities. Multiple public entities under the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (FDA, NIH), National Academy of Medicine and Joint Commission (Tiakkanen, et. al., 2017)* |
| Country 1: |  | 1. |  |
| 2. |  |
| Country 2: |  | 1. |  |
| 2. |  |

**References**: Please use proper APA formatting to list the references you used in the chart on the previous page.

1. **Provide data in the table below on the different health system outcomes of the 2 countries you selected above**. Note that the USA has been provided for you as an example. Include the data source and year of data below the information as shown in the example. Table 1 (12 points)

Data can be found at:

CIA: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/> ,

World Bank: https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SH.XPD.CHEX.GD.ZS

IHME: <http://www.healthdata.org/results/country-profiles>

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| **Country**  **(indicate which country you chose)** | **Life expectancy at birth, total population** | **Maternal mortality** | **Infant mortality** | **Physicians per population** | **Health expenditure (Percentage of GDP)** |
| ***Example: USA*** | *78.37 years*  *(CIA, 2021)* | *14 deaths/*  *100,000 live births*  *(CIA, 2021)* | *5.7 deaths/1000 live births*  *(CIA, 2020)* | *2.57 physicians/1,000 population(IHME, 2020)* | *16.84% (World Bank, 2019)* |
| Name of high income country: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name of low or middle income country: |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **Write a short essay comparing the health systems of the two countries you selected above.** 
   * + 1. Discuss differences in health system building blocks.
       2. Discuss how they relate to the outcome measures in the two countries.
       3. **Explain how the health system and building blocks adhere or not to the right to healthcare.**

Make sure to write a proper essay with a thesis sentence, supporting examples, complete sentences and correct grammar structure/spelling. You are expected to cite supporting evidence using APA format for the in-text citations and reference list. Word count: minimum 100- maximum 150 words. (5 points)