

UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

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Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree of - 2000 Level

First Semester Examination : 2019 October

SOC 21633: Health, Illness and Society

Time : 3 Hours

Instructions:

- This paper consists of three (3) sections and seven (7) questions.
 - Answer *four (4) questions* including at least one question from each section.
 - Question No One (1) in the First Section is *Compulsory*.
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Section I

(This section is Compulsory)

01.

i. Briefly define following concepts.

- a. Global Health
- b. Illness Narrative
- c. Medicalization
- d. Alternative Medicine
- e. Emotional Health

(1 mark for each)

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ii. Answer following questions briefly.

- a. Why "narrative medicine" is more helpful for doctors. Give two reasons. (2 Marks)
- b. List three(3) barriers to narrative medicine. (3 Marks)

- iii. Discuss why oriental medical systems such as Sinhalese medicine and Ayurveda have been preferred still, in addition to allopathy in contemporary Sri Lanka. (5 Marks)

Section II

(Select at least one question from this section)

2. Compare similarities and differences between Allopathic medicine and Oriental medicine with relevant examples. (15 Marks)
3. Belmont report asserts that "medical ethics are critically important for medical practitioners". Describe why medical ethics are important with a particular attention given to four basic principles of medical ethics. (15 Marks)
4. How Turner (1995) describes three levels of analysis of medicine. Describe with relevant examples ? (15 Marks)

Section III

(Select at least one question from this section)

5.

i. Define the concepts of "Health" and "Wellbeing".

(2 Marks)

ii. Briefly describe Parsons' four aspects of "Sick Role".

(4 Marks)

iii. Discuss how health and well-being of people can be affected by different socio-economic and political factors.

(8 Marks)

6.

i. Describe what is "Public Health" ?

(2 Marks)

ii. What are the core components of Public Health? Describe with relevant examples.

(4 Marks)

iii. Elucidate why "Public Health" shall be given prominent place in the health policy of country, with particular attention given to essential public health services.

(8 Marks)

07.

Either

While describing what "health promotion" is, elucidate seven principles of health promotion with relevant examples.

or

Discuss providing examples how culture related behaviors among people influence their health and well-being.

(15 Marks)

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