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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2018/2019
SSU2206 HEALTH ECONOMICS



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 24th February 2019

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

Instructions:

- Answer any five (05) questions. Each question carries 20 marks.
 - Write your answers in clear hand writing. Mention the question no. clearly in the script.
1. (a) How would you define “Economics” and “Health Economics”. Explain with appropriate examples.
(b) Is health care a commodity? Discuss.
 2. Explain the framework of Health Economics.
 3. (a) Describe the key methods of health care financing.
(b) Comment on the present health care financing methods in Sri Lanka.
 4. (a) What is the purpose of economic evaluation?
(b) Describe two methods of economic evaluation.
 5. Discuss the main goal of health care sector according to Alma Mata Declaration.
 6. Explain the rationale behind the pricing formula introduced by the State Pharmaceutical Corporation in 1988.
 7. (a) Illustrate on the perfectly competitive market model.
(b) How does health care sector differ from other sectors?
 8. Discuss the positive and negative outcomes when public sector physicians are allowed to carry out private practice.
 9. Write brief notes on the following.
 - (a) Moral hazards
 - (b) Adverse selection
 - (c) Asymmetric information
 - (d) Quality Adjusted Life Years

