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FINAL EXAMINATION– 2021/2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)  
DSU5354 – HEALTH AND SOCIETY



Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Instructions

- This is a three hours (03) question paper.
- There are nine (09) questions, and out of the nine (09) questions, answer **only five (05)** questions.
- Each question carries equal marks (20 Marks each).
- Write legibly.

Questions

1. Can health be understood only from biological perspective? Explain with examples.
2. Explain the influence of social class as a determinant of health.
3. “Health care system in Sri Lanka is pluralistic”. Explore this statement with appropriate examples.
4. Discuss the relevance of alternative medicine as a way to solve the rising cost of health in contemporary Sri Lanka.
5. Critically analyze the impact of medical human resources related brain drain on the health care system in contemporary Sri Lanka.
6. Is abortion only a health issue? Critically evaluate.
7. Critically analyze the impact of modern health technology on patients in contemporary Sri Lanka.
8. “Healthy lifestyles promote good health”. Evaluate this statement with appropriate examples.
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following themes.
  - i. Characteristics of the biomedical model of health
  - ii. Classification of diseases
  - iii. Folk medicine in Sri Lanka
  - iv. Non-communicable diseases
  - v. Concept of Universal Health Care
  - vi. Health insurance systems

