

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL- 5
FINAL EXAMINATION– 2024/2025 (SEMESTER-II)
DSU5354 – HEALTH AND SOCIETY



DURATION: THREE HOURS ONLY (3 HOURS)

Date: 16.08.2025

Time: 1.30 pm-4.30 pm

Instructions

- Answer **FIVE** (05) questions only from the questions given below.
- Each question carries equal marks (20 Marks).
- Write legibly.

- 1) What is health and why is it important in your life? Discuss with examples.
- 2) Discuss the role of informal sector medicine in the broader healthcare landscape in Sri Lanka.
- 3) Explain why abortion is a complex health concern in Sri Lanka.
- 4) Explain how non-communicable diseases (NCDs) affect an individual's quality of life.
- 5) "Gender is a major determinant of health among men and women in Sri Lanka". Evaluate this statement from an appropriate sociological perspective with examples.
- 6) Discuss the influence of culture on mental health. Provide examples from diverse contexts.
- 7) Critically evaluate the risks and benefits of modern healthcare technology with examples.
- 8) What are the key issues in the Sri Lankan healthcare system as evident from the current public controversies.
- 9) Write short notes on any **four** (04) of the following themes (4x5=20 Marks)
 - a) The biomedical model of health
 - b) Functionalist perspective on health
 - c) Universal Health Coverage
 - d) The six dimensions of wellness model
 - e) Classification of diseases

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