

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4 (2006)  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – SECOND SEMESTER  
 HEALTH ECONOMICS – SSU 2206



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 05<sup>th</sup> December 2006

Time: 1.00p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Discuss the demand, supply and equilibrium given in the framework of health economics.
2. Outline different ways of financing health care and provide examples from Sri Lanka.
3. “Cost of health care should be borne by the health care consumers”. Critically assess this statement.
4. Write an account of the Bibile-Wickremesinghe Report on pricing of pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka.
5. “Prevention is better than cure“. Discuss this statement with reference to immunization programmes.
6. Identify key areas to be considered for the scope of situational analysis in the health industry.
7.
  - (a) Discuss the power vested in Cosmetics, Devices and Drugs Act No. 27 of 1980.
  - (b) Explain the role of the Fair –Trading Commission in relation to drug pricing policy.
8. Explain the recommendations made by the Presidential Task Force on Health Policy.
9. Write short notes on any **three (03)** of the following with reference to health industry.
  - (i) Inelastic demand.
  - (ii) Moral Hazards and insurance.
  - (iii) Opportunity cost.
  - (iv) Shadow prices.
  - (v) Quality adjusted life years.