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SSU 2206 – HEALTH ECONOMICS**



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DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 08th October 2007

Time: 01.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

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

1. Explain the following concepts giving specific examples from health sector
 - a) Opportunity cost
 - b) Elasticity of demand
 - c) Marginal cost
2. Discuss both economic and other impacts of the user charge system.
3. Explain the following
 - a) Quality Adjusted Life Years
 - b) Shadow price
4. Discuss the major sources of health care financing.
5. Outline the issues relating to the liberalization of drugs in the Sri Lankan context.
6. What are the economic impacts of private practice by government doctors?
7. Discuss the major contributions made by Professor Senaka Bibile with regard to pricing of drugs.
8. "Health care is not a right but a commodity". Discuss
9. Write short notes on the following:
 - A) Adverse selection
 - B) Moral Hazards
 - C) Over consumption
 - D) Fair Trade Commission

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