

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010  
 SSU 2206 – HEALTH ECONOMICS



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. Discuss the main channels used worldwide, both public and private, to finance health care.
2. Explain why Nutrition Programmes are important and outline possible intervention available to improve nutrition levels.
3. Outline the role of the government in the provision of health care.
4. Is the 'Market' a suitable means of determining allocation of resources in the Health Sector? Discuss.
5. Evaluate the role of state and private sector to improve overall health standards of the poor.
6.
  - (a) What is the purpose of economic evaluation?
  - (b) Describe the 3 forms of economic evaluation and discuss the most useful type suited to the health sector.
7.
  - (a) Evaluate the effects of user-charge in health sector.
  - (b) Discuss the role played by the public health workers in Sri Lanka.
8. "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity"- World Health Organization. Discuss the above statement with special reference to Sri Lanka.
9. Write brief notes on any **four (04)** of the following.
  - (i) Scope of Health Economics
  - (ii) Role of Fair Trading Commission
  - (iii) Health Indicators
  - (iv) Costing Methods
  - (v) Economic efficiency
  - (vi) Market structure of pharmaceuticals