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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV
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SSU 2206 – HEALTH ECONOMICS



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DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 16th October 2011

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. (a) Indicate the framework of Health Economics.
(b) Comment on each topic given in framework of Health Economics.
2. (a) Discuss the price mechanism.
(b) What do you consider to be the proper role of government in the provision of health care?
3. Discuss the following with reference to health industry.
(i) Output budgeting
(ii) Programme budgeting
(iii) Functional budgeting
4. Define the following health indicators.
(i) Mortality and morbidity
(ii) The quality adjusted life year
(iii) Disability adjusted life years
5. (a) Indicate methods of health financing.
(b) What options are there for financing health care in Sri Lanka?
6. 'Health care can be considered as similar as other commodity'. Critically discuss.
7. How do you assess the contributions made by Professor Senaka Bibile?
8. Discuss the history of prices of drug formulation system in Sri Lanka.
9. Write short note on any **four (04)** of the following.
(i) Moral hazard
(ii) Adverse selection
(iii) Asymmetry of information
(iv) Health care as a public fund
(v) Fair Trade Commission