

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2013/2014)  
FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL IV  
SSU2206 – HEALTH ECONOMICS



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

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Date: 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2014

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. Discuss the framework of health economics with special attention to the demand for and the supply of health care.
2. Discuss the reasons behind the cost variances that exist among the private health care institutions.
3. Explain the main provisions of the Cosmetics Devices and Drugs Act.
4. Discuss the major recommendations of the Bibile-Wickramasinghe Committee Report.
5. 'The market is considered as a means of determining allocation'. Discuss with special reference to the health sector.
6. Discuss the scope of situational analysis, in the context of health sector.
7. What is the role of the state in ensuring health care for all?
8. 'Health care is similar to the other goods and services' Discuss.
9. Discuss any four of the following:
  - i. Opportunity cost and marginal cost
  - ii. Capital goods and merit goods
  - iii. Short run and long run
  - iv. Disability adjusted life years and quality adjusted life years
  - v. Shadow price and equilibrium price