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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2014 / 2015
SSU2206 - HEALTH ECONOMICS



DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 08th March 2015

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

- **Answer any five questions.**
 - **Each question carries equal marks**
1. (i) Explain the main sectors given in the framework of health economics.
(ii) Describe each sector with reference to efficient allocation of resources
 2. (i) How does one define “Economics” and “Health Economics”
(ii) Discuss the unique characteristics of health care compared to the other normal goods and services.
 3. Explain the following
 - (i) Output budgeting
 - (ii) Programme budgeting
 - (iii) Functional budgeting
 4. (i) What are the advantages and disadvantages of permitting in government doctors to do private practice
(ii) Why the government is allocating resources for producing doctors and other health care physicians
 5. Discuss the following
 - (i) User charge system
 - (ii) Moral hazards
 - (iii) Quality Adjusted Life Years
 - (iv) Price elasticity of demand

6. Discuss the key contributions made by Professor Senaka Bibile with regard to the development of health sector.
7. 'The market is considered as a means of determining allocation': Critically evaluate this statement with reference to the health sector
8. Discuss the key methods of programme evaluation used in the health sector
9. Write short notes on any of the following;
 - (i) The law of diminishing returns
 - (ii) Opportunity cost
 - (iii) Health hazards
 - (iv) Financing health care
 - (v) National Formulary Committee

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