

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V (2017/2018)
FINAL EXAMINATION
SSU3154/DSU5354 - HEALTH AND SOCIETY



DURATION – Three (03) HOURS

Date: 02nd June 2018

Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Instructions:

Answer FIVE (05) questions only. Each answer carries equal marks.

- 1) “Meaning of health depends on how various cultures and traditions interpret it”
Explain this statement with examples. (20 Marks)
- 2) “Biomedical model is not sufficient to understand health fully” Critically examine
this statement. (20 Marks)
- 3) “Sri Lanka maintains a pluralistic health care service with multiple-sectoral service
providers”: Critically discuss with examples. (20 Marks)
- 4) Examine the impact of social inequality on health care delivery in Sri Lanka.
(20 Marks)
- 5) Critically analyse the challenges associated with health care financing in Sri Lanka.
(20 Marks)
- 6) Using appropriate Sociological perspectives, explain the advantages and negative
consequences of using modern medical technology in health care. (20 Marks)
- 7) Describe the major ethically challenging situations encountered in the contemporary
health care system in Sri Lanka. (20 Marks)
- 8) In your opinion, what is the contribution a Sociologist can make in health care?
(20 Marks)
- 9) Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following topics (5X4 = 20 Marks)
 - a) Five characteristics of the Biomedical Model of Health.
 - b) Non Communicable Deceases (NCD)
 - c) Medical paternalism
 - d) Universal Health Care System (UHC)
 - e) Brain–drain of health professionals
 - f) Social Determinants of Health (SDH)