

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER I – 2018/2019

SOC 4178 – Sociology of Medicine

Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. 'Sociology of Medicine developed as a discipline through criticisms that emerged in relation to limitations of biomedical approach to health and illness.' Critically examine this statement with appropriate examples.
2. With reference to the political economy perspective critically examine how different stages of the life-cycle of people have become medicalized in contemporary society.
3. Examine the importance of the Feminist Perspectives in understanding gender inequalities in health.

4. **Either**

Explain different characteristics of medical pluralism in Sri Lanka in relation to ethno - medical perspective.

Or

Explain specific characteristics of the folk, popular and professional sectors of health care with special reference to medical pluralism in Sri Lanka.

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5. Examine the role of medical system as a social control mechanism in industrialized societies in relation to the functionalist perspective.

6. Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics.

- (i) Social determinants of health
- (ii) Social stigma and discrimination attached to mental illness
- (iii) Life – style changes and the increasing trend of Non-Communicable diseases
- (iv) Happiness and well-being