

University of Colombo – Sri Lanka

Faculty of Arts

Fourth Year Examination in Arts – Semester I, 2021/2022

SOC 4178 – Sociology of Medicine

Time: Two (02) hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. Explain the assumptions of the biomedical approach and examine its limitations with reference to the sociological perspective of health and disease.

Either

2. Critically examine the role of the medical systems in modern society with special reference to the functionalist perspective.

Or

Critically examine how the medical system contributes to reinforcing the prevailing social inequalities in modern society with special reference to the political economic perspective.

3. Examine the significance of the ethno-medical approach in understanding the healthcare structure in Sri Lanka and its functions.
4. Critically discuss how issues in the everyday life of an individual has become medicalized with reference to **either** Nancy Scheper-Hughes's study "Death without weeping: The violence of everyday life in Brazil" (1993) **or** Cecilia Van Hollen's work titled "Birth on the Threshold: Childbirth and Modernity in South India" (2003).
5. Why is it important to adopt a bio-psychosocial approach in addressing contemporary health hazards? Explain with reference to the issues emerging from Chronic Kidney Disease with uncertain etiology (CKDu) in Sri Lanka.

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

- i. Feminist perspective on health inequalities.
- ii. Health belief model and treatment seeking behaviour.
- iii. Social determinants of health and social classes.
- iv. Impact of contemporary socio-economic crisis on the healthcare service delivery system in Sri Lanka.
