

University of Colombo – Sri Lanka

Faculty of Arts

Fourth Year Examination in Arts – Semester I, 2022/2023

SOC 4178 – Sociology of Medicine

Time: Two (02) hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

- 1 'The sociology of medicine focuses mainly on how socio-cultural factors influence people's health and illness'. Critically examine this statement with examples.
- 2 Discuss how non-medical problems are defined as medical problems, providing examples.
- 3 The biomedical model fails to recognize the socio-cultural background of the person. Discuss with examples.
- 4 With special reference to the work of Michael Foucault (1973), *The Birth of the clinic: An archaeology of Medical Perception* discuss how the 'medical gaze' is important in the process of disciplining the human body.
- 5 Describe how the global discourse of population control influenced the programme for the introduction of birth control pills in Sri Lanka during the 1950s.
- 6 Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics:
 - (i) Social determinants of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis
 - (ii) Disability in global south
 - (iii) Chronic kidney disease in Sri Lanka
 - (iv) Health problems experienced by LGBTQI+ community in Sri Lanka.
