

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2016/2017**

**SOC 4278 – Sociology of Medicine**

**Two (02) Hours**

**Answer Three (03) questions only**

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1. Critically examine Talcott Parsons' interpretation of sickness as a social role.
2. According to the Foucauldian perspective medical discourse is a form of power relationship in society, expressed through medical language and practice. Discuss
3. Explain the concept of medicalization and examine how it helps to control social deviance.
4. 'The bio-medical model is more appropriate in maintaining the capitalist system than the ayurvedic ideology.' Critically discuss the above statement.
5. Analyse the drug policy implemented in Sri Lanka during the period 1972 – 76 with reference to the perspective of political economy.
6. Write short essays on any two (02) of the following topics:
  - (i) Medical control over women's body
  - (ii) Mental illness within the social context of Total Institution
  - (iii) The western medical system in the British colonial context in Ceylon
  - (iv) Medical professionalism and the issue of SAITM

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