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Nurses Access Paper

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SP106: Sociology of Health and Health Care

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Answer **THREE** of the following questions:

1. Discuss the demographic and epidemiological transitions. What do they tell us about changing patterns of disease?
OR
Discuss the major social causes of disease.
2. How is gender inequality in society reflected in women's treatment by the medical profession?
3. Discuss the influence of class inequality on health.
4. Discuss the 3 types of authority systems found in hospitals?
5. Discuss different types of doctor-patient relationships. What are the main influences shaping these encounters?
6. What is meant by the term **institutionalisation**? How can we ensure that hospital patients will not experience it?
7. Compare the biomedical to the social model of health.
8. Discuss self-help, self-care and alternative therapy as alternatives to services offered by health professionals.
OR
What is meant by the term **Illness Iceberg**? Discuss the factors that inhibit individuals from availing of the services of medical practitioners after perceiving physical symptoms of illness?
9. Discuss the claims of license and mandate made by the medical profession, and the groups in society who are challenging these professional assertions of autonomy and control.
10. What is meant by the term "sick role"? How well does it describe the medical control of health problems in society?