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Social Science Paper

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**SP112 Sociology Module**

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Time allowed: 3 hours

ANSWER **THREE** OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Discuss the influence of class inequality on health.
2. It is claimed that modern society is undergoing a process of medicalization. What evidence has been put forward to support this statement?
3. Discuss the demographic and epidemiological transitions. What do they tell us about changing patterns of disease.
4. How does gender inequality influence health care?
5. How are the concepts **status** and **role** used to "make sense of every day situations?"
6. The family is not a universal, natural entity but is a socially produced and socially constructed institution. Discuss with reference to the changes in the Irish family
7. What is meant by the term "sick role"? How well does it describe the medical control of health problems in society?
8. Discuss three of the five components of culture.
9. Discuss the process of socialisation over the life course.
10. Can travellers be considered a minority group in Irish society?