

Department(s) Political Science & Sociology

SP 106: Sociology of Health and Health Care

Answer **THREE** of the following questions:

Time: 3 Hours

1. Discuss the changes as societies move from pre-industrial to post-industrial described by the demographic and epidemiological transitions. What do they tell us about changing patterns of disease?
2. Discuss social factors that influence our health in modern society.
3. How is gender inequality in society reflected in women's treatment by the medical profession?
4. Discuss the influence of class inequality on health.
5. To what extent does the health status of ethnic minority groups reflect their cultural values and beliefs?
6. How do perceptions of health and illness vary among the public?
7. Describe and critically evaluate different models of the doctor-patient relationships.
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. What do you think are the main characteristics that define a profession as an occupational category? Can nursing be included as a profession on the basis of these characteristics?
10. What is meant by the term "sick role"? How well does it describe the medical control of health problems in society?
11. Discuss the problems faced by the "discredited", i.e. those suffering from a stigmatizing illness or disability.
12. What is meant by the term "ageism"? How can it interfere with the medical care of older people?