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**Nurses Access Paper**

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**SP106: Sociology of Health and Health Care**

Time allowed: THREE Hours.

Answer **THREE** of the following questions.

1. EITHER  
Discuss the demographic and epidemiological transitions. What do they tell us about changing patterns of disease?  
  
OR  
Discuss the influence of social conditions on health and illness.
2. Does the sexual stereotyping of women have any effect on their health care?
3. Discuss the influence of class inequality on health.
4. Discuss the 3 types of authority systems found in hospitals
5. What is the difference between doctor-centred and patient-centred consultations?
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. EITHER  
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 licence 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?