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Duration: 45 minutes

Answer *one* question

- Q. 1. The tension between the rights of the individual and the benefit to the community as a whole is a long-standing feature of health service policy. Discuss with examples.
- Q. 2. The health care budget currently devotes about half its resources to acute hospital care. Outline the considerations leading to this and discuss what the incentives and constraints are in changing this expenditure ratio.