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FINAL EXAMINATION– 2023/2024 (2nd Semester)
DSU5354 – HEALTH AND SOCIETY



Date: 10th August 2024

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Instructions

- This is a three hours (03) question paper.
- There are nine (09) questions, and out of the nine (09) questions, answer **only five (05)** questions.
- Each question carries equal marks (20 Marks each).
- Write legibly.

Questions

1. Is the biomedical model of health a realistic way to identify a disease? Explain with examples.
2. Explain how lay interpretations of illness aetiologies affect health behavior of people in any given society. Provide appropriate examples.
3. Explain the influence of gender as a determinant of health from an appropriate sociological perspective.
4. Evaluate the role of private sector based traditional medicine in the health care system in Sri Lanka.
5. Explain 'medical pluralism' in Sri Lanka by considering Covid-19 as a case study.
6. Discuss both benefits and drawbacks of providing over-the-counter (OTC) drugs to people in Sri Lanka.
7. Explain the advantages of modern medical technology on human health by considering your family as a case study.
8. Critically discuss the impact of beauty and cosmetics industry on wellbeing of people in the modern world.
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following themes.
 - a) Different dimensions of health
 - b) Germ Theory
 - c) Concept of Universal Health Care
 - d) Non-Communicable Diseases
 - e) Infertility.

