



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034**

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY**

**FIFTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2025**

**USO 5503 – SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS**



Date: 02-05-2025

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

**SECTION A**

**Answer ANY FOUR of the following**

**4 x 10 = 40 Marks**

1. Briefly explain the social determinants of health.
2. Elaborate the development of epidemiology as a field of study.
3. Write an account of the gender-based inequalities in health.
4. Examine how medicalisation has led to the occupational dominance of doctors.
5. Evaluate the post-modern approach to health.
6. Trace the history of leprosy and its stigmatisation in India.
7. 'Designer Babies' are the key to a better developed world. Substantiate your answer.
8. Trace the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic through history.

**SECTION B**

**Answer ANY THREE of the following**

**3 x 20 = 60 Marks**

9. Elaborate Talcott Parsons functionalist approach to health and illness.
  10. Explain the various types of alternative medical practices in India.
  11. Elucidate the prominence of the biomedical model since the 19th century.
  12. Assess the role of religion and class in determining health outcomes and differential access to quality healthcare.
  13. Examine the complexity of modern illnesses with examples.
  14. Bring out the contributions of Genetic Engineering to the field of medicine.
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