



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

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

SECTION A - K1 (CO1)

	Answer ALL the Questions	(10 x 1 = 10)
1.	Match the following	
a)	Health	- Iatrogenesis
b)	Talcott Parsons	- study of spread and control of disease
c)	Epidemiology	- genetic engineering
d)	Ivan Illich	- sick role
e)	Designer babies	- complete well being
2.	True or False	
a)	Unani is an alternative medical practice.	
b)	The study of specific causes for a disease is called aetiology.	
c)	HIV is a virus that cannot be transmitted through the body fluids of an infected person.	
d)	There is no impact of regional climate change on human health.	
e)	Leprosy is caused by salmonella typhi.	

SECTION A - K2 (CO1)

	Answer ALL the Questions	(10 x 1 = 10)
3.	Answer the following	
a)	What is a disease?	
b)	Define sick role.	
c)	What is obesity?	
d)	Mention any two social factors that is attributed to health inequality.	
e)	Which disease is referred to as an ancient enemy?	
4.	Define	
a)	Health	
b)	Illness behaviour	
c)	Pandemic	
d)	Health inequalities	
e)	Genetics	

SECTION B - K3 (CO2)

	Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.	(2 x 10 = 20)
5.	Enumerate the various social determinants of health and illness.	
6.	Identify the development of epidemiology.	
7.	Highlight gender as a parameter of health inequalities.	
8.	Present the pros and cons of designer babies.	

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

	Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.	(2 x 10 = 20)
9.	Elaborate on the bio-medical model of health.	
10.	Examine the relationship between modernization and disease.	
11.	Discover the factors influencing global health inequalities.	
12.	Infer on the stigmatization related to leprosy.	

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)**Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words****(1 x 20 = 20)**

13. Assess the post-modern approaches to health.

14. Illustrate the various types of alternative medical practices in India.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)**Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words****(1 x 20 = 20)**

15. Evaluate the political and economic approaches to health and illness.

16. Critically analyse the disparities in healthcare caused by caste, class and religion.
