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SOCIOLOGY

(Discipline Specific Elective)

(For Honours)

Paper : DSE-1

(**Sociology of Health and Medicine**)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer from the following :
1×8=8

(a) Which sociologist argued that health and illness are socially constructed?

(i) Talcott Parsons

(ii) Emile Durkheim

(iii) Peter Berger

(iv) Ivan Illich

- (b) What is the primary goal of the biomedical model of health care?
- (i) To promote health and well-being
 - (ii) To cure disease and illness
 - (iii) To prevent disease and illness
 - (iv) To provide palliative care
- (c) What is the term for the study of the social and cultural factors that influence health and illness?
- (i) Medical Sociology
 - (ii) Health Sociology
 - (iii) Sociology of Health and Illness
 - (iv) Social Epidemiology
- (d) Which sociologist argued that the sick role is a social role that is learned through socialization?
- (i) Talcott Parsons
 - (ii) Emile Durkheim
 - (iii) Peter Berger
 - (iv) Erving Goffman
- (e) What is the term for the process of defining certain behaviours or conditions as abnormal or diseased?
- (i) Medicalization
 - (ii) Stigmatization
 - (iii) Sanitization
 - (iv) Normalization

- (f) Which sociologist argued that the concept of 'health' is a social construct that varies across cultures and historical periods?
- (i) Talcott Parsons
 - (ii) Emile Durkheim
 - (iii) Peter Berger
 - (iv) Michel Foucault
- (g) What is the term for the unfair and avoidable differences in health outcomes between different population groups?
- (i) Health inequality
 - (ii) Health disparity
 - (iii) Health inequity
 - (iv) Social injustice in health
- (h) Which sociologist argued that doctor-patient relationship is a form of social interaction that is shaped by power dynamics and social norms?
- (i) Talcott Parsons
 - (ii) Emile Durkheim
 - (iii) Erving Goffman
 - (iv) Michel Foucault

2. Write notes on any *four* of the following : 4×4=16

- (a) Medicalization
- (b) Health inequality

- (c) Health culture
- (d) Health disparities
- (e) Health care system
- (f) Illness

3. Answer any *four* questions from the following :

14×4=56

- (a) Explain the sick role and its significance in understanding health and illness behaviour.
- (b) Discuss the concept of medicalization and its implications for society.
- (c) Analyze the social determinants of health and their impact on health inequalities.
- (d) Discuss the implications of the bio-medical model of healthcare for health outcomes and health inequalities.
- (e) Discuss the concept of medical pluralism and its significance in understanding health care practices.
- (f) Analyze the factors that contribute to the use of multiple medical factors including social, economic and cultural factors.

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