

DEPT OF HUSS: HUL 276: SOCIOLOGY OF KNOWLEDGE: MAJOR EXAM

DATE: 03.05.2007
MAX MARKS: 35

VENUE: VI 301 & VI 401
TIME: 10.30am -12.30pm

ATTEMPT BOTH SECTIONS A & B OF THE PAPER

Section A

Both Questions are compulsory

Q I The following are the tutorial presentation topics examining medicine as a system of knowledge & practice:

- Iatrogenesis
- Changing image of the medical profession
- Costs of modern medicine
- Affluence and life-style diseases
- Longevity and quality of life

Please state the topic you presented on. Next, choose any 1 topic *different from the one you presented on* and list 5 points on what you learnt about it, based on the presentations of your tutorial group members and your course material. *Please state clearly the topic chosen.* (5 marks)

Q II Write short notes on any 2: (200 words each) (2 X 2.1/2 marks = 5 marks)

- Codified knowledge
- Scientific hypothesis
- Utilitarianism
- "Big" science

OR

The *universality* of modern S&T is accepted today as one of its most remarkable characteristics in comparison with other forms of knowledge. Based on your Course material, circle *the following as True or False explanations for this fact:* (10 X 1/2 marks = 5 marks)

- S&T originated spontaneously in various societies all over the world T / F
- It entered the university system of education T / F
- It was closest to nature T / F
- It was based on popular methods and ways of life T / F
- It was missionary in its goals T / F
- It became linked with the emerging state system of post-world war II T / F
- It had a secular ideology T / F
- It spread non-violently T / F
- Its applications in war and medicine were very successful T / F
- Its method was empiricist T / F

Section-B:

BOTH QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY

Q III Circle the correct answer: (4 X 1/2 marks = 2 marks)

- 'Hot' and 'cold' can only refer to physical properties of matter Yes/No.
- Folk (Non-western) medicine only flourishes in villages. Yes/No
- Western medicine has been most effective in dealing with psychosomatic illness. Yes/No.
- Scientific controversy does not lend itself to moral debate. Yes/No.

Fill in the Blanks: (4 X 2marks = 8 marks)

- Medical pluralism in India consists of the following _____ systems of healing.
- Distortions of the human anatomy in conditions like _____ reflect political rather than medical notions of the ideal body.
- The Cartesian legacy of clinical medicine has led to a _____ conception of body and its function.
- Schools in America have faced controversy over teaching the theory of _____

Q IV. Write short notes on any three of the following (each in 300 words). (3 X 5 marks = 15)

- The "three bodies"
- Holism in non-western thought.
- 'Possession'.
- Health-seeking behavior
- Medical pluralism.
- Litigation in controversies over S&T issues
- Body image.
- Bio-mechanistic model of medicine