

**MAJOR EXAM: DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES: HUL 288**

**DATE: 27 Nov 2006**  
**MAX MARKS: 40**

**TIME: 3-30 - 5-30 pm**  
**VENUE: II LT1 (Groups 1&2)**  
**II LT2 (Groups 3&4)**

**ALL SECTIONS ARE COMPULSORY. YOU WILL BE ANSWERING 4 QUESTIONS IN ALL**

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**SECTION A**

- I. Write a brief essay on your team presentation, from the following topics: (10)**
- a) Modern media and cultural stereotypes
  - b) The science of Human Profiling
  - c) Human Rights issues in the Age of Terrorism
  - d) Science & Violence
  - e) Conflict between science & religion
- 2. Why is the film you were shown in class called *Bowling for Columbine*? In what way does it reflect on a) American consumer society b) the alienation of the school dropout and c) the need to "de-school society"? Answer, paying special attention to Ivan Illich's work. (2.5+2.5+2.5+2.5)**
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**SECTION B**

- 3. Why does UNESCO want "the widespread teaching of bioethics"? Examine with particular reference to a) the popular availability of scientific knowledge today b) the political activism surrounding scientific discoveries and c) the rise of the medical insurance & health industries (2.5+2.5+2.5+2.5)**

**OR**

- 4. Would Humanists agree that our "humanness" lies only in our genes? Give reasons for your answer using your tutorial group discussions on any *two* of the following: (5+5)**
- a) capital punishment
  - b) euthanasia
  - c) Truth & Reconciliation Committee and
  - d) animal experimentation
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**SECTION C**

- 5. Examine how Haldane comes to the following conclusion, "The wise man regulates his conduct by the theories both of religion and science" (10)**

**OR**

- 6. Write short notes on any *two*: (5+5)**
- a) science as an art form
  - b) scientific versus religious "myth"
  - c) the "efficacy" of prayer

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