

University of London

EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

M.Sc.

M.Sc. Culture and Health GC01: Written Examination

COURSE CODE : PSBSGC01

DATE : 19-MAY-05

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

Culture and Health MSc

Please answer 3 questions , one from each section A, B and C

Section A

Prof Last Course

1. Discuss the use of traditional healing in any **one** society.
2. Discuss how political economy approaches might facilitate an understanding of health inequalities in any **one** society
3. Belief heals, belief kills. Discuss using ethnographic examples.
4. To what extent do traditional health beliefs disappear with modernisation. Discuss giving examples in any **one** society.
5. Discuss the social construction of **one** of the following
 - a. cancer
 - b. HIV
 - c. Chronic fatigue syndrome

Prof Napier Course

1. How do concepts of personhood influence a patient's sense of well being? Summarize two examples and compare them
2. In what ways do alternative healing practices offer new domains within which to define the self
3. Describe the obstacles that one socially marginalised group confronts when seeking health care.
4. Under what circumstances do concerns about "culture" and "human rights" produce conflicting agendas for advocates of indigenous groups
5. Compare two examples from the readings of the play of power in clinical practice

Section B

- 1) Explain how any one psychoactive substance is used and socially incorporated by a culture

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- 2) IS the notion of the self universal?
- 3) How might the psychiatry of women and the psychiatry of ethnic minorities be similarly considered?
- 4) How cross-culturally relevant are the key theories of psychoanalytical psychotherapy?
- 5) Discuss the cultural context in any one society of EITHER
 - a) suicideOR
 - b) spirit possession
- 6) Discuss the logic of folk categorisations of illness.

Section C

1. Why has western European psychology found it difficult to grapple with culture?
2. Critique the notion of psychologisation.
3. With increasing globalisation, there would be no need for a cultural psychology: Discuss with examples
4. Are religion and spirituality the same phenomenon?
5. How might religiosity enhance mental health?
6. Critically evaluate the assertion that being religious facilitates coping with physical illness
7. Discuss the similarities and differences between religious professionals and psychotherapists in their work with the mentally ill
8. What ethical problems might arise in conducting fieldwork among ethnic minority groups?

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