

HMED C20: Medicine, Disease & Society from Antiquity to the Renaissance

THREE HOURS

Please answer FOUR questions

1. Is 'rational' a helpful way of describing Greek medicine before Aristotle ?
2. Describe and account for the development of Alexandrian anatomy in the Hellenistic period.
3. Are historians right to disparage Roman medicine ?
4. Why was Galen a success in his own lifetime ?
5. "In Classical Antiquity city governments took little or no interest in matters concerned with health." Discuss.
6. What features of medicine in the period from 300-600 A.D. do you regard as most significant, and why ?
7. Compare and contrast the education of a doctor in Ancient Greece and Rome with that in the Later Middle Ages.
8. "The Middle Ages did not lack ideas and methods for fighting plague, but the means for deciding effectively between them." Discuss.
9. Are Paracelsus' religious beliefs the key to understanding his medicine ?
10. "It was Vesalius' own propaganda, not his actual practice, that emphasised his break with Galen." Discuss.
11. "The way Harvey described and justified his discovery of the circulation of the blood is more interesting than the discovery itself." Discuss.
12. Was there a Western medical tradition before 1650?

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