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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

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TURN OVER

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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