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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M. Sc.

Paper 3: Current Issues in Health Policy/Challenges of Postmodernism

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M.SC IN SOCIOLOGY, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, 2000-2002

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**CURRENT ISSUES OF HEALTH POLICY/CHALLENGES OF
POSTMODERNISM**

You have **THREE HOURS** to answer **THREE** questions

Answer at least **ONE** question from **EACH** section

SECTION ONE: CURRENT ISSUES OF HEALTH POLICY

- 1) Is there evidence of convergence in relation to the world's health care systems?
- 2) What are the barriers to the emergence of a EU health policy?
- 3) 'Globalization is good for your health'. Do you agree?
- 4) Discuss the changes to the National Health Service since 1991. Has a consensus in policy emerged over the past decade?
- 5) Discuss the changing use of 'evidence' in contemporary health policy.

SECTION TWO: CHALLENGES OF POSTMODERNISM

- 5) 'Foucault's later work has been adopted by many theorists because it gives a role to agency'. How far do you agree with this assessment?
- 7) Assess the relevance of 'third-wave' feminism for understanding health.
- 8) 'Yesterday's *grand narratives* have become today's *petit narratives*'. Discuss the significance of recent cultural change for our understanding of health and healing.
- 9) What role is left for the medical sociologist? Discuss with reference to Bauman's distinction between 'legislators' and 'interpreters'.
- 10) To what extent is social policy about the 'organization of bodies'?

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