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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

M.Sc.

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

COURSE CODE : SHHC0003

DATE : 13-JUN-03

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

M.SC IN SOCIOLOGY, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, 2001-2003

YEAR 2 - PAPER 3

**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. Why is it so difficult to reform American health care?
2. Discuss the claim that Third World health care is especially constrained by economic conditions.
3. How would you explain the emergence of the notion of 'concordance'?
4. What are the optimal criteria for comparing health care systems?
5. Discuss the case for and against professional self-regulation in health care.

SECTION TWO: CHALLENGES OF POSTMODERNISM

6. Discuss the applicability of Foucault's early work to medical sociology.
7. In identifying postmodernism as the 'cultural logic of late capitalism' is Jameson trying to have his cake and eat it?
8. 'Rorty's concept of 'liberal irony' is more seductive than it is satisfactory'. Discuss.
9. Baudrillard notoriously stated that the Gulf War did not happen. How sustainable is this thesis?
10. Are feminism and postmodernism incompatible?

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