

University of London

EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

M.Sc.

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

COURSE CODE : **SHHC0003**

DATE : **29-APR-04**

TIME : **10.00**

TIME ALLOWED : **3 Hours**

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) 'Globalization is good for your health'. Evaluate the evidence for this claim.
- 2) Is there anything distinctive about New Labour's health policy?
- 3) Are all attempts to establish universal coverage in American health care doomed to fail? Discuss in relation to Clinton's reform package.
- 4) To what extent do national characteristics limit the convergence of health care systems in Europe? Illustrate with examples from countries other than the UK.
- 5) Discuss the changing use of 'evidence' in contemporary health policy.

SECTION TWO: CHALLENGES OF POSTMODERNISM

- 6) Assess the relevance of 'third-wave' feminism for understanding health.
- 7) Using Bauman's distinction between 'legislators' and 'interpreters', what is the role of the medical sociologist?
- 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) Discuss the applicability of Foucault's later work to medical sociology?
- 10) What contribution might a sociology of the emotions make to our understanding of health and illness?