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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

*For the following qualifications :-*

*M. Sc.*

**Paper 2: Social Dimensions of Health and Health Care/Strategies and Methods of Research**

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TIME ALLOWED : 3 hours

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

**YEAR 1 - PAPER 2**

**SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE/STRATEGIES AND  
METHODS OF RESEARCH**

You have **THREE** hours to answer **THREE** questions.

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

**SECTION 1 - SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE**

1. How has the 'disability politics' movement affected our understanding of 'disabling' conditions?
2. Discuss the importance of illness behaviour with reference to the popular, folk and professional sectors of Kleinman's 'local health care systems'.
3. Evaluate the contributions of Wilkinson and Coburn to explanations of class-related health inequalities.
4. To what extent are medicine and health care gendered?
4. Discuss the challenges of living with chronic illness, with special reference to any *two* specific conditions.

**SECTION 2: - STRATEGIES AND METHODS OF RESEARCH**

6. What is meant by 'triangulation'? How useful is this in social research?
8. Discuss any *two* of the following, giving relevant examples:
  - a) confounding variables
  - b) the constant comparative method of qualitative analysis
  - c) contingency tables
  - d) statistical interaction
  - e) appropriate uses for non-parametric statistics
8. Should researchers be partisan or should they seek to attain 'value neutrality'?
9. Evaluate various approaches to assessing the reliability of structured measures. How does this relate to reliability in qualitative research?
10. A Primary Care Trust has commissioned both consultant obstetrician led care And midwife led care for its patients. How would you design a project to assess the services provided through these two routes?

**END OF PAPER**