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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

M.Sc.

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

COURSE CODE : SHHC002A

DATE : 30-MAY-03

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

M.SC IN SOCIOLOGY, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, 2002-2004

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. Is 'old age' no longer primarily a category of social policy?
2. Is racism important in understanding the patterning of health in minority ethnic groups in Britain?
3. How plausible is Parsons' characterization of the doctor-patient relationship fifty years later?
4. Is it possible to have a 'natural death' in contemporary society?
5. Which is more important for understanding the distribution of health, class or gender?

SECTION 2: - STRATEGIES AND METHODS OF RESEARCH

6. What strategies can be adopted to overcome threats to the internal and external validity of research?
7. Discuss any *two* of the following, giving relevant examples:
 - a) confounding variables
 - b) theoretical sampling
 - c) contingency tables
 - d) 'framework'
 - e) confidence intervals
8. Compare the rationale and methods for sampling in quantitative and qualitative research.
9. How realistic is the demand that researchers should attain 'value neutrality'? What implications does this have for the researcher's role in policy development?
10. How useful is a grounded theory approach to the design and analysis of qualitative research?

END OF PAPER