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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

M.Sc.

M.Sc. Culture and Health GC01: Written Examination

COURSE CODE : PSBSGC01

DATE : 25-MAY-06

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

**MSc Culture and Health GC01: Written Examination
(Mental Health Paper)**

Serial No: N0172-3

Please answer 3 questions, one from each section A, B and C

Section A

1. How does narrative function in providing meaning in illness experience?
2. Using the ONE of the following cases discuss how an illness is socially constructed
 - a. GWS
 - b. AIDS
 - c. Lupus
3. How does the notion of personhood affect well-being?
4. A shared system of meaning between the healer and patient is pertinent to healing. Discuss
5. Using at least two of the course readings please describe a clash between the culture of biomedicine and the culture of a sufferer.
6. With reference to at least one of the core readings, what are some of the key attributes of a healer?
7. Did Lia Lee's doctors do the right thing by removing her from her family?

Section B

1. How might migration patterns affect mental illness?
2. Do notions of the self/person differ in different societies? Argue your case with examples.
3. What similarities are there with the way psychiatry deals with gender and the way it deals with ethnicity?
4. Discuss the limitations of applying psychoanalysis to non-western populations : limitations both within psychoanalytical theory and those located in the wider society.
5. Discuss how in any one society a psychoactive substance is incorporated into cultural norms and social structure.
6. How might psychodynamic theory add to social anthropology?
7. Take any one ethnic minority group in Britain, and discuss the various influences on its (good or bad) mental health.

TURNOVER

Section C

1. What relevance might religious factors have in the clinical consultation?
2. Is being religious good for **either** your:
 - a) physical, or
 - b) mental health?
3. Is religion inherently violent?
4. Critique any one major international study on culture and mental disorder
5. Explain the process of content analysis of qualitative data
6. Discuss with concrete examples, the concept of cultural validity and its relevance to the field of culture and health.
7. Explain with examples, the definition, concept and limitation of the term 'culture bound syndromes' in psychiatry.

END OF PAPER