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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M.Sc.

M.Sc. Culture and Mental Health: Written Examination

COURSE CODE : CLMH0001

DATE : 30-MAY-02

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 hours

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M.Sc. in Culture and Mental Health : 3 Hours
Answer THREE questions, EACH FROM A DIFFERENT SECTION

Section A

1. **Either [A]**

Analyse the social meanings attached to ANY ONE of the following:

- a) Alzheimer's
- b) Chronic Fatigue Syndrome or M.E.
- c) AIDS
- d) Cancer

OR [B]

"Were none of us ever to be sick, our lives would be considerably more shallow".
Discuss.

2. Outline the 'political economy of health' for ANY ONE nation or ethnic group

3. **Either [A]**

Explain the apparent resurgence of complementary and alternative medicines in Britain today

OR [B]

Outline, giving your reasons, what future you anticipate there will be for practitioners of 'traditional medicine' in ANY ONE community.

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Section B

4. Outline the similarities and differences between the way clinical psychiatry deals with:

- a) Gender and b) Race

5. How is ANY ONE 'culture-bound syndrome' "culture-bound"?

6. Is psychoanalysis universally valid? Discuss with examples.

7. Discuss how different ethnic groups may stigmatise mental illness.

8. How might psychopathology contribute to a culture?

9. Discuss different notions of the self/personhood in ANY TWO societies; OR in ANY TWO ethnic groups.

10. What psychological problems face refugee communities in Britain

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11. How might an anthropologist without any prior expert knowledge contribute to government funded research on ANY ONE of the following:
- a) Cloning of humans?
 - b) Foot and mouth disease?
 - c) Terrorist attacks on London?
 - d) Paedophile pornography on the Internet?
 - e) Road rage?
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Section C

12. Discuss the major problems involved in looking at religion with social sciences research.
13. Discuss the attitudes towards, and the understandings of, mental illness in any ONE religious group
14. Discuss the evidence that being a member of a new religious movement is beneficial for mental health.
15. Discuss how you would examine the presentation of depression in a non-western culture.
16. Is spirit possession in any way “adaptive”?

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