



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION - MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY**

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2011

**SO 1808 - MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

Date : 09-11-2011  
Time : 1:00 - 4:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**PART A**

**Explain the following concepts in about 30 words each**

**(10 x 2=20 marks)**

1. Culture
2. Ethnography
3. Field work
4. Etic perspective
5. Thick description
6. Ethno-medicine
7. Illness and disease
8. Health belief model
9. Bracketing
10. Imaginations of research

**PART B**

**Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words each**

**(5 x 8=40 marks)**

11. Explain the relationship between public health and anthropology.
12. Elucidate the importance of comparison and difference in the process of field work.
13. 'Illness representations are actually misrepresentations that serve the interest of those in power'. Illustrate.
14. Critically examine the enlightenment model.
15. 'Patienthood' is a social state and not simply a biological one. Discuss.
16. What is structural violence? Make a note of its main characteristics.
17. What are the channels of ARV distribution and the role of government control?

**PART C**

**Answer any TWO questions in about 1,200 words each.**

**(2 x 20=40 Marks)**

18. Trace the roots of medical anthropology.
19. What is illness narrative? Describe the structure and themes underlying an illness narrative with a suitable example.
20. What is a medical system? Explain the professional, folk and popular sectors of medical systems.
21. Examine the nature and role of rumours and debates as tools to deal with uncertainty in the context of medical research.

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