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**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026**

**Fourth Semester**

**M.A. Sociology**

**M21SO06DE – Sociology of Health and Wellbeing**

**(2023 July admissions)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. Define health according to WHO.
2. What is the Happiness Index?
3. Give one example of a social indicator of quality of Life.
4. Define Social Epidemiology.
5. What are determinants of health?
6. Name any one dimension of health.
7. Which gender has a longer life expectancy globally?
8. State one reason why health is important for National Development.
9. What is Surplus Value?
10. What does the term 'Sick role' refer to?
11. What is a medical label?
12. What does Foucault link medical discourse with?
13. Name any one component of a health care system.
14. What is primary health care?
15. Name one National health programme in India.

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

**Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.**

16. Explain the role of health facilities in improving quality of life.
17. What is the purpose of Physical Quality of Life Index (PQLI).
18. What is disease prevention? Give an example.
19. Distinguish between morbidity and mortality.

20. Mention two gender related barriers to accessing health care.
21. Define Ethnicity.
22. What are the social determinants of health?
23. What is meant by class consciousness?
24. State any two rights of a sick person according to Parsons.
25. What is Power knowledge in medical discourse?

**(2X5=10)**

### **Section C**

**Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.**

26. Explain the multidimensional nature of wellbeing with examples.
27. Describe how social and economic factors influence quality of Life.
28. Discuss the importance of social epidemiology in public health.
29. Explain any four cultural practices that positively or negatively affect health.
30. Discuss role of technology in bringing social change.
31. Explain the difference between public and private health care systems.
32. Discuss how illness is socially constructed with suitable examples.
33. Explain Marx's concept of class conflict.

**(4X5=20)**

### **Section D**

**Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

34. Discuss the various determinants of health and explain how they interact to shape individual and community health.
35. Discuss the importance of occupational health in improving productivity and employee well-being.
36. Discuss the relevance of Marx's political economy perspective in understanding contemporary health inequalities.
37. Discuss the major challenges faced by health care systems in developing countries.
38. Describe the Happiness Index. Explain its indicators and discuss how it helps to assess the overall well-being of a Nation.
39. Compare standard of Living and quality of Life using suitable examples and highlight their importance for assessing human development.

**(10X3=30)**