

National University of Lesotho

BA Examinations

SOC 343 – 3B Sociology of Health and Illness

May, 2011

Marks:100

Time: 3 Hours

Answer question **one** plus any other three questions. All questions carry 25 marks each.

1. The Health Belief model can be used to explain different kinds of social behaviour. Discuss.
2. Differentiate between African traditional healing and Western medical practice in terms of
 - (a) definition of illness
 - (b) training of the healer
 - (c) diagnosing illness
 - (d) healing practice
 - (e) doctor-patient relationship
3. Disease became conceptualized after 1900 as a social no less than a biological phenomenon. Discuss with examples.
4. Using symbolic interactionism, show how chronic illness changes interpersonal relations and behaviour.
5. Discuss factors leading to multiple and Concurrent Sexual Partnership in Lesotho and how they perpetuate the spread of HIV.
6. With reference to Lesotho, discuss how age, gender, socioeconomic status/social class are used as epidemiological research variable.