



Practice Questions for BSOE-148 Social Stratification

1. Define health and illness from a sociological perspective. How do they differ from medical definitions?
2. Discuss the concept of the "sick role" as given by Talcott Parsons. How is it relevant in contemporary healthcare?
3. Critically analyze the biomedical model of health. What are its strengths and limitations?
4. Explain the social model of health. How does it provide a holistic understanding of illness?
5. What is medicalization? Discuss with suitable examples how normal life processes are medicalized.
6. Discuss the role of culture and social beliefs in shaping health practices and health-seeking behavior.
7. How does gender influence health outcomes and access to healthcare services in India?
8. Explain the relationship between caste and health inequalities in Indian society.
9. Examine how social class affects patterns of health, illness, and access to medical care.

10. Discuss the impact of globalization on health and healthcare systems in developing countries.
11. Describe the key features and significance of public health systems in India.
12. What are the sociological causes and consequences of malnutrition in Indian society?
13. Discuss the role of traditional systems of medicine (e.g., Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha) in India's healthcare landscape.
14. Examine the importance of mental health in sociological discourse. How mental illness is socially constructed?
15. How do pandemics (e.g., COVID-19) reveal social inequalities in healthcare access and public health response?
16. Discuss the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in promoting health awareness and services in rural India.
17. What is health communication? Analyze its role in public health campaigns and behavior change.
18. Critically examine India's National Health Policy. What are its sociological implications?
19. What is stigma in health and illness? Discuss with reference to diseases like HIV/AIDS, leprosy, or mental illness.
20. How can sociological knowledge help in designing inclusive and effective health interventions?