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Fourth Semester

Economics — Core

HEALTH ECONOMICS

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The benefits associated with the best alternative use of resources is called
 - (a) Health economics
 - (b) Alternative activities
 - (c) Health resources
 - (d) Opportunity cost

2. Health economics decision – making concerns
 - (a) Equity
 - (b) Efficiency
 - (c) Both (a) and (b)
 - (d) None of these
3. Children with no insurance receive health care through a program called _____
 - (a) SSP
 - (b) SCHIP
 - (c) MCHB
 - (d) Medicare
4. Which of the following is not a direct medical care factor?
 - (a) Information technology
 - (b) Exercise
 - (c) Age
 - (d) Diet
5. The national health accounts are associated with _____
 - (a) CMS
 - (b) NIOSH
 - (c) NICHSR
 - (d) All of the above



6. "The Variability in the quality of public health economic evaluation studies is not well documented". Say whether this statement is

- (a) True
- (b) False
- (c) Can't say definitely
- (d) None of these

7. Cost benefit analysis can be measured either within the _____ or across other sectors of the economy.

- (a) Information sector
- (b) Insurance sector
- (c) Health care sector
- (d) Technical sector

8. The benefits associated with the best alternative use of resource is called

- (a) Health resource
- (b) Opportunity cost
- (c) Health economics
- (d) Alternative activities

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9. Which of the following occupations accounts for the highest percentage of workers in the NHS?

- (a) Doctors (b) Ambulance staff
- (c) Technical staff (d) Nurses

10. Which of the following is the major source of financing of healthcare in India?

- (a) Ministry of health
- (b) Central government budget
- (c) State government budget
- (d) None of these

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Define health economics.

Or

(b) What are health indicators?

12. (a) What do you know about traditional medicine? Give examples.

Or

(b) Mention the functions of PHCs.

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13. (a) What do you think about spatial distribution of health care facilities?

Or

- (b) State the role of pharmaceutical companies.

14. (a) Analyse the role of family planning projects in relation to public health.

Or

- (b) Describe the essential health services.

15. (a) Narrate the need for general health insurance.

Or

- (b) State the sources of revenue for health.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Explain the role of health in economic development.

Or

- (b) Elaborate the various input and output health indicators.

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17. (a) Elucidate the measures taken by the government to improve public health.

Or

- (b) Describe Indian national health policy.

18. (a) Analyse the reasons for the failure of market to provide essential health services.

Or

- (b) Explain the role of health in the development of the economy.

19. (a) State and analyse the role of physician in maintaining health.

Or

- (b) Explain the role of TRIPS in health care activities.

20. (a) Critically examine the role of financing institutions in financing health services.

Or

- (b) "Special insurance is needed for the disabled and poor": Examine.

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