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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
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Fourth Semester

Economics – Core

HEALTH ECONOMICS

(For those who joined in July 2021–2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Which of the following is not a reason for increased health spending?
  - (a) People spend more on their health as their income increases
  - (b) People are living longer
  - (c) The average age of the population is rising
  - (d) People are dying earlier

2. The benefits associated with the best alternative use of resources is called:

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

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a major cause of ill health and a barrier to accessing health care when needed.

- (a) poverty
  - (b) sick
  - (c) occupation
  - (d) society

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the state of having a specific illness or condition.

- (a) fertility
  - (b) Morbidity
  - (c) mortality
  - (d) life time

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is a profession of educating people about health.

- (a) health care
  - (b) health centre
  - (c) Health education
  - (d) health rate

6. \_\_\_\_\_ is the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities.

- (a) health care
  - (b) Public health
  - (c) health centre
  - (d) health service

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7. \_\_\_\_\_ plays an important role on strength development and durability of concrete.
- (a) Curing (b) playing  
(c) treatment (d) service
8. Health Production Function describes the relationship of inputs and flows of outputs over a specified \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) period (b) month  
(c) day (d) year
9. Least developed countries are low-income countries confronting severe structural impediments to sustainable \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) requirement (b) management  
(c) development (d) procurement
10. Burden of disease measures the impact of \_\_\_\_\_ with illness and injury and dying prematurely.
- (a) challenging (b) causing  
(c) approaching (d) living

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) List out the importance of health economics.
- Or
- (b) What are the input indicators of health?
12. (a) Explain the concept of Well-being.
- Or
- (b) What is life expectancy? How is life expectancy measured?
13. (a) What are the features of health education?
- Or
- (b) Write a note on health care centers.
14. (a) How does price discrimination affect health and social care?
- Or
- (b) What are the characteristics of the health production function?

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15. (a) What is a DALY? How are DALYs calculated, Give an example.

Or

- (b) Describe the health problems in developing countries.

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 determinants of health.

Or

- (b) Describe the various dimensions of health.

17. (a) Explain the various types of malnutrition.

Or

- (b) Examine how is poverty related to health?  
How does poverty affect mental health?

18. (a) Discuss public health.

Or

- (b) Describe capital formation in health care.

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19. (a) Examine what makes the best health care?

Or

- (b) Describe the various types of health care services present in India.

20. (a) Analyse, How to Measure the Burden of Disease in a Population.

Or

- (b) Describe the health challenges faced by developing countries.

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