

NATURAL SCIENCES TRIPOS Part II (Biological and Biomedical Sciences)

Saturday 26 May 2007

9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

HISTORY AND ETHICS OF MEDICINE (45)

Before you begin read these instructions carefully:

*Answer **four** questions in total,*

*Of which **two** must come from section A and **two** must come from section B*

All questions carry equal weight

Start each question on a separate sheet. Attach a cover-sheet to each question.

Write your examination number (not your name) and also the question number, on each sheet. Tie each question separately.

*Complete a master coversheet listing all questions attempted.
Write legibly and on only **one** side of the paper.*

Stationery Requirements:

Script paper, blue coversheets, yellow master coversheet and tags.

<p>You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed that you may do so by the Invigilator</p>
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SECTION A

- 1 “Medical ideas changed, medical practices stayed the same”. Evaluate this statement with reference to the health care system in early modern Europe.
- 2 Assess the impact of the plague epidemics upon early modern medical theory and practices.
- 3 “In the hospitals of early Nineteenth Century Paris, medicine abandoned sick people once and for all to concentrate on organs instead”. Explain and assess this statement.
- 4 Why was the oral contraceptive pill produced for women to take, and not men?
- 5 Does the history of psychiatry support the view that mental illness is a myth?
- 6 What was Freud’s influence on the development of psychiatry?

SECTION B

- 7 Does the doctrine of double effect provide a useful guide to end-of-life decision-making?
- 8 Should researchers always seek the informed consent of patients to their participation in medical research?
- 9 What, if anything, is wrong with Christopher Boorse’s theory of health?
- 10 Is the distinction between treatment and enhancement an ethically salient one?
- 11 “Drinkers and smokers should be made to bear the health costs associated with their habits”. Should they? Why or why not?
- 12 Should reproductive cloning be made legally permissible?

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