

Two of the following discussion questions will be on Test 4 for a total of 40 points. Use the readings and PPT slides to answer the questions. Preparing to answer these questions will also be good preparation for the multiple choice questions.

Chapter 7: Sociology of Mental Illness (MI)

1. How is mental illness defined? How has mental illness evolved over time in the U.S.? Be sure to discuss how health care changed with regard to (1) early treatments, (2) medicalization and de-medicalization, and (3) institutionalization, de-institutionalization, and re-medicalization.
2. How is MI distributed? That is, who is most likely to experience a mental illness? What are the personal characteristics associated with MI? What are the experiences of becoming mentally ill as discussed by Weitz (discuss things such as self-labeling, feeling work, labeling by family/others, post patient experience)?
3. How does the medical model view mental illness? How does the social model view MI? How are the two models different? How is mental illness related to ethnicity, gender and social class? Be sure to review what Weitz says about these.

Chapter 10: Health Care Settings and Technology

1. What government programs were created that resulted in hospitals substantially increasing the number of days a patient stayed in the hospital? Explain how/why these government programs resulted in hospitals keeping patients longer. Explain what the government has done to reduce the high hospital costs that were being experienced? How has this subsequently changed a patient's length of stay in the hospital? Why?
2. How is nursing home quality measured as described in class (provide several ways)? What is meant by person-centered care and non-person-centered care? Describe several differing examples of each that NH residents have

experienced? What is hospice, what is its purpose, and how is it paid for?
What is respite care, what is its purpose, and how is it paid for?

3. How do older Americans typically pay for nursing home (NH) care when they first move in? What are some different sources used by Americans to pay for NH care? How might these sources change for the person over time? Why do they change? What qualifications must a person meet (at least two) in order to have Medicaid pay for their nursing home care?