

Unit 10

Sociology

P3 and M2

- Compare the biomedical model of health with an alternative model of health.
(P3)
- Explain the contribution of concepts of health, ill health and disability to service provision in a local health and social care setting.
(P4)
- Analyse how the biomedical and an alternative model of health, and concepts of health, ill health and disability affect service provision in a local health and social care setting.
(M2)
- Evaluation the role of sociological perspectives in the understanding of society and models and concepts of health in relation to service provision in a local health and social care setting.
(D1)

What do you need to do?

- You must write an essay on the sociological perspectives view of health in relation to the biomedical and socio-medical models of health.

What is the biomedical model of health?

Read p.369-370 in the textbook


- What is the biomedical model of health?

*An approach to health and illness that identifies health as the '**absence of disease**' and focuses on diagnosing and **curing** individuals with specific illnesses.*

- What is the social model of health?

An approach to health and illness that focuses on the social and environmental factors that influence our health.

Brainstorm!



Social and
Environmental
Factors that may
lead to ill health



- Biomedical model- looks at the effects of being ill- symptoms and treatment.
- Socio-medical model- looks at the causes of becoming ill- the environmental factors.

Ryan and Simone have three young children, Simone's elderly parents live with them in their three bedroom flat. The flat is in a deprived and depressing area of South London. The flat is in need of some major repairs, it is also damp, with mould growing in the bathroom and on some of the windows, and very expensive to keep warm in the winter due to an old inefficient boiler. Neither Ryan nor Simone are currently in paid employment.

The family are generally in poor health. In the winter the children tend to have permanent colds, coughs and runny noses. Ryan has just been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and Simone suffers from asthma and her father from bronchitis. Simone's mother is depressed and has been prescribed the drug Prozac for her condition.

They are registered at South Lewisham Health Centre which is about 15 minutes away from their flat and last year the family weren't always able to get appointments with their GP here.

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- Using the different sociological models on health you must compare:
 1. The biomedical model of health and the social model of health.
 2. This should be in two separate paragraphs.
 3. Within each paragraph you should explain:
 - the model of health (bio or social)
 - which sociological perspectives agree with it
 - what each sociological perspective would say about Ryan and Simone's family
 - Compare the similarities and differences of each model