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Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 100

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Instructions

Please note:

Section A: Alice students – Answer any three of four questions
Section B: East London students – Answer question one and any two other questions.

Please read the instructions carefully.

SECTION A: ALICE STUDENTS

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss the factors that a social worker will consider when determining “the best interest of the child” according to section 7 of the Children’s Act 2005, as amended. **[13 ^{1/3}marks]**
- b) Using your knowledge of the Children’s Act 2005, as amended, Examine the phrase “in need of care and protection” (Section 150 of the Act). **[20 marks]**

QUESTION TWO

- a) All children have needs that must be met if normal cognitive, social, and emotional development is to progress successfully. Critically discuss this assertion, with examples by Sharp and Cowe (1998) **[20 marks]**
- b) Analyze the goals of social work therapy or intervention **[13 ^{1/3}marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the contributing factors that could lead to Child Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation. **[20 marks]**
- b) The consequences/effects of Child Abuse, Exploitation and Neglect are enormous. Discuss. **[13 ^{1/3}marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) “To give effect to the country’s obligations regarding the well-being of children in terms of international instruments that have been ratified by the country” (Children’s Act, 2005). Discuss the validity of this statement with concrete examples of such instruments. **[20 marks]**
- b) Discuss the circumstances under which a child may be adopted according to section 230 of the Children’s Act 2005, as amended. **[13 ^{1/3}marks]**

SECTION B: EAST LONDON STUDENTS

Please note that question one is compulsory.

Question one:

Read the case study below and answer the questions that follow:

CASE STUDY:

You are a social worker at the Department of Social Development. You are on intake and receive a report of suspected child maltreatment from the local hospital. The reporter states that a set of 3 month-old twins have not returned to the outpatient clinic for their 6 week follow up. When the twins were born the biological mother was under the influence of substances. She tested positive for TB and HIV. She did not receive any prenatal care during her pregnancy. The biological mother and babies were discharged with treatment for six weeks and given a date for follow up. The doctor from the outpatient clinic reports that the biological mother has not followed through with the follow up appointment and she is worried about the babies.

- 1.1 Drawing on the Children's Act 2005 critically discuss the role of the social worker in determining the best interests of these children (15 marks).
- 1.2 Explain the statutory steps that the social worker must follow should the assessment indicate that the children are in need of care and protection and that a removal needs to be done (15 marks).
- 1.3 Using the Children's Act 2005 describe the different placement options for these children once they have been found in need of care and protection (15 marks).
- 1.4 Drawing on the developmental approach, motivate for the most suitable placement option for these children (5 marks).

Total 50 marks

Choose any two of the three questions that follow:

Question two:

- 2.1 Critically reflect on the current global, national and local context of Child Welfare (20 marks).
- 2.2 Present some creative solutions to the current local context of Child Welfare (5 marks).

Question three:

Deliberate on the development of the biopsychosocial model for use during investigations of child maltreatment and to inform prevention and early intervention programmes for vulnerable children (25 marks).

Question four:

- 4.1 Discuss the different risk factors that children may be exposed to and outline the impact of these risk factors on the development and well-being of the child (15 marks).
- 4.2 Reflect on the concept of resilience during childhood and explain how you as a social worker will take this into consideration when investigating reports of child maltreatment (10 marks).

TOTAL FOR PAPER 50 + 25 + 25 = 100 marks