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Main Paper

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Instructions

Please note:

Answer all questions in section one  
Answer any three questions in section two.

## SECTION ONE: COMPULSORY

### QUESTION ONE

Read the following case study carefully and answer the questions below.

Jack is working for SAPS and earns enough money to provide for the basic needs of his wife and children. His wife is unemployed but the family lives in peace as Jack would provide for all the basic needs. They raised their son (Shaun) and took good care of him, at home and school. He (Shaun) was studying in a multiracial school. When he was 17 years old, he matriculated and joined university. Jack and the wife also gave birth to a baby girl (Marry). Unfortunately, when Marry was 2 years old, the father was involved in a fatal accident and passed away. Shaun was then in his second year of social work degree. Resulting from his fathers' death, he started drinking alcohol at the university and could not attend classes. Consequently, he failed and was academically excluded. On the other hand, the mother could not find any job as she was also looking after Marry and this affected the financial stability of the family. Due to lack of basic needs at home and school fees, Marry was discouraged and dropped out of school at the age of 15 years. Consequently, she began to live with a man whom she thought would support her financially. Shaun was reported to have joined gangs who terrorized the neighborhood by stealing cars, phones and laptops. A family member concerned with the changes in this family referred this case to you as a social worker.

- (a) Identify and explain the main concepts of Life Course Perspective in the case study, influencing the behaviour of Shaun and Marry (10 Marks).
- (b) What interventions would be the most appropriate for each of them? (10 Marks)

**SECTION TWO: Answer any Three Questions**

**QUESTION ONE**

List and explain five assumptions of Life Course Perspective (10 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

Explain how social workers use Resilience Theory in helping their clients to solve social challenges. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Describe the components of an ecomap (5 Marks)
- b) Explain the importance of ecomaps in social work practice (5 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

Briefly describe the eight (8) stages of Psychosocial Development Theory explaining how each stage influences human behaviour. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION 5**

Discuss the Ecological systems theory and state why it is important for social workers to use it. (10 Marks)

End

Good luck