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Social Welfare, Social Policies & Legislation & Social Security

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Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 100

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Instructions

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS 5 QUESTIONS
QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY

ANSWER ANY OTHER 2 QUESTIONS

PLEASE NUMBER ANSWERS CORRECTLY

QUESTION ONE (compulsory)

The White Paper for Social Welfare 1997 refers to social welfare as an integrated system of social policies, social services, benefits, programmes, and social security to enhance the well-being of the people of South Africa.

- a) Discuss the social welfare approach that has been adopted by South Africa in the post-apartheid period. (10)
- b) Discuss the role and functions of the three levels of government in the rendering of social services to the population of South Africa. (10)
- c) Describe the role and functions of one non-governmental organisation involved in the rendering of social services in South Africa. (10)
- d) Briefly discuss the National Development Plan in addressing poverty and inequality in South Africa. (20)

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CHOOSE ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

In an article written by Leila Patel (2016) entitled “South Africa’s social welfare system faces deepening challenges”:

- a) What did she identify as some of the positive aspects of the post- apartheid social welfare system in South Africa (10)
- b) What factors have emerged as challenges to the effective implementation of the social welfare system in South Africa (15)

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OR

QUESTION THREE

Briefly discuss the following:

- a) What is the role and functions of the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP)? (10)
- b) What professions must register with the SACSSP in order to render social services in South Africa. (4)
- c) The SACSSP has stipulated a Code of Conduct for all registered social service professionals in South Africa. Discuss the following:
 - i. The purpose for having a Code of Conduct. (5)
 - ii. Discuss one principle of the code of conduct to be practised by social service professionals. (3)
 - iii. Discuss the consequences of breaching the Code of Conduct as stipulated by the SACSSP. (3)

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OR

QUESTION FOUR

Courts in South Africa fulfil a crucial role in the administration of justice:

- a. What is the highest court in South Africa? (1)
- b. Discuss why it is important that social workers must have a good understanding of the court system in South Africa. (5)
- c. Discuss the Children's Court & Child Justice courts in detail. In your discussion the following must be noted:
 - i. The relevant Acts that created the Children's Court & Child Justice court. (4)
 - ii. How do you address the presiding officer for the above-mentioned courts. (1)
 - iii. The persons allowed to be present in above-mentioned courts. (4)
 - iv. The cases or matters that are held in the above-mentioned courts. (5)
 - v. The duties of the social worker in each of the above-mentioned courts. (5)

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OR

QUESTION FIVE

Social security is regarded in South Africa as a very important means of addressing massive poverty. Please discuss the following:

- a. How do social grants contribute to addressing poverty in South Africa? (5)
- b. Discuss the child support grant in terms of its intended recipients and the criteria. (5)
- c. What organisation in South Africa is responsible for the administration of social grants? (1)
- d. Briefly explain the role of social workers in terms of social grants. (4).
- e. What is a developmental foster care grant? Under which circumstances will this grant be implemented? (10)

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