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PROGRAMME: SOCIAL WORK
COURSE NAME: SOCIAL WELFARE AND POLICY
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YEAR GROUP: TWO
DATE: TUESDAY, 2019 MAY 07
TIME: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
DURATION: 2 HOURS
EXAMINATION TYPE: FINAL

This Examination Paper has 4 Pages

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A
2. SECTION B CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. ANSWER ANY TWO (2)

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SECTION A

Instruction: In the booklet provided, answer ALL questions in this section.

CASE STUDY – RICHARD’S STORY

Richard is a 31-year-old single father, who has sole custody of a 3 ½ year old daughter, Sophia. She walks with a pronounced limp. He also has responsibility for his elderly parents.

After struggling with years of depression, he has been receiving treatment at the local health centre. He gets minimal support from family and friends. Richard works as a mason and earns over \$2000 for the day. However, his work is very unstable, and he is frequently unemployed. He has applied to get PATH benefits, but he has been denied.

This situation is very stressful, as it is very difficult for him to stay up-to-date on his bills. His continued recovery is a priority for him. He remains involved with his recovery programme by attending the health centre occasionally, as well as regularly volunteering his time through his church.

Although Richard dropped out of high school while in the ninth grade, he is able to do his job well.

Required:

- A. From the case, identify **THREE (3)** marginal groups. *(3 marks)*
- B. According to your knowledge as a social worker, briefly explain what Richard could have done when he was denied PATH benefits. *(5 marks)*
- C. Explain **TWO (2)** social work concerns that arise in Richard’s situation. *(6 marks)*
- D. As a Social Worker, outline **TWO (2)** actions you can take to advocate on Richard’s and his family’s behalf. *(6 marks)*

(Total 20 marks)

END OF SECTION A

SECTION B

Instruction: In the booklet provided, answer any TWO (2) questions from this section.

Question 1

“Choices in social welfare are heavily influenced by the dominant values, beliefs, ideologies, customs and traditions of the cultural elites recruited mainly from among the more powerful and privileged strata” *David Gill*

- A. Explain what is meant by the above statement. (7 marks)
- B. Define the term Social Policy and give **ONE (1)** reason why social policies are developed. (5 marks)
- C. Describe **FOUR (4)** importance of Social Policy and Social Welfare for social work. (8 marks)
- D. Briefly explain **FIVE (5)** welfare programmes in Jamaica. (10 marks)

(Total 30 marks)

Question 2

- A. While making reference to the Caribbean, explain the Residual Model, the Industrial Achievement Performance Model and the Institutional Redistributive Model of social welfare. (15 marks)
- B. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of each model. (15 marks)

(Total 30 marks)

Question 3

- A. Define the term ‘welfare pluralism.’ (2 marks)
- B. Briefly explain the role of **FIVE (5)** actors in the policy making process. (20 marks)
- C. Explain at least **TWO (2)** important roles that social workers play in the policy making process. (8 marks)

(Total 30 marks)

Question 4

“Globalization refers to the extensive network of economic, cultural, social interconnections and interdependencies that routinely transcend national borders,” Yeates (2001, p.629).
Through globalization new opportunities emerge which affects the formation and execution of social policy.

- A. Explain how globalization is relevant to social policy. **(6 marks)**
- B. Discuss **THREE (3)** positive and **THREE (3)** negative effects of globalization in relation to policy formation; cite appropriate examples. **(24 marks)**

(Total 30 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION