



**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES  
AND EDUCATION**

**NHSW 216 SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

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**DURATION: 3 HRS**

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***INSTRUCTIONS***

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer any three questions.
3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
4. Each question is worth 20 marks.
5. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

1. A 14-year-old gymnast suddenly only wears long sleeved tops for gym. The weather is warm but the gymnast refuses to remove the top for gym. During a break, another gymnast accidentally spills drink on the top and the gymnast removes the top. The gym instructor observes a number of small linear cuts on both arms. When asked about the cuts, the gymnast's answers are evasive and becoming emotional. The matter is reported to you as a school social work and you immediately suspect self-harm. Examine the specific recommendations you would make to the:
    - i. Gymnast [5 marks]
    - ii. gymnast's parents/guardians [5 marks]
    - iii. school [5 marks]
    - iv. gym instructor [5 marks]
  2. "How we define children varies". Demonstrate how children can be defined based on:
    - i. Legal provision [5 marks]
    - ii. United Nations definition [5 marks]
    - iii. Psycho-social variables [10 marks]
  3. Comment on what the task of a social worker is in studying the family.
  4. Indicate why it is important that in trying to understand child abuse and neglect, as social workers we assess:
    - i. Factors based on something in society [10 marks]
    - ii. Factors based on something about the child [10 marks]
  5. If you were asked by the government to develop a psychosocial support framework for children living with domestic violence, what would be your key considerations?
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