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COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION

NHSW314 REFLECTIVE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN SOCIAL WORK

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: WITHIN 48 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
 2. Answer **1** question from the three questions presented below.
 3. Begin your answer for each part of the question on a new page, e.g. (a), (b) and (c).
 4. This question is marked out of 60 marks and must be addressed in Essay Format with observation of full academic writing skills.
 5. Credit is given for neat, well-written competency based responses and creative practical social work skills
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1. “A lack of effective supervision on professional social work has been linked to stress, absence from work, and high caseloads which can undermine professional confidence and competence” (Gibbs, 2001).
 - a. Outline a range of different supervision functions that seek to underpin professional social work practice. (30 marks)
 - b. Discuss four key strategies for encouraging analysis and critical thinking in supervision. (30 marks)
 2. Reflective Professional Practice provides elements of the professional thinking behavior that reinforces the need for more technical skills to produce a good professional assessments for individuals, families, communities that we work with. In the light of the above, discuss the following questions:
 - a. based on your theoretical knowledge and practical skills gained, outline the six critical thinking and assessment skills that motivate professional social workers to generate good professional assessments. (25 marks)
 - b. provide an overview of the strategies to facilitate community engagement to deal with a pandemic in your practical work with communities. (20 marks)
 - c. Identify COVID-19 as one of the pandemics that has devastated your area, recommend post-emergency- government response to the pandemic and outline your professional role in the process. (15 marks).
 3. “In professional reflective social work practice, it is the quality of thinking that dictates the quality of practice and ultimately the quality and effectiveness of any support provided to service users”. In the light of the above:-
 - a. discuss the three elements that constitute the thinking framework that reinforces the need for more technical skills to produce a good professional assessment. (30 marks)
 - b. reflect on your practice knowledge and analyze the key anchor principles for reflective supervision expounded by Turney (2009) and provide an acceptable framework for a good analytical assessment. (30 marks)
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