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NHSW311 SOCIAL WORK METHODS - IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES IN AFRICA
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
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DURATION: WITHIN 48 HRS

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

1. Charity Organization Society (COS-1869) as it emerged in Europe and America (UK & USA 1869-1902) played a significant role in the development of social work methods.
 - (a) Evaluate the role played by the COS in the establishment of the critical and practical social work methods, (i) casework, (ii) groupwork and (iii) community social work and indicate the key proponents and social reformers for each of the methods. (40 marks)
 - (b) With the aid of practical examples, assess the applicability of the three social work methods in Africa in general and Zimbabwe in particular. (20 marks)
 2. “The social work interventions and practice methods in Africa continue to face implementation challenges linked to the origins of the profession in Europe and America during the 15th-19th century”. Given your knowledge of the implementation challenges, apply your practical skills in the discussion of the questions below:-
 - (a) provide detailed profiles, benchmarks, outlines of the principles and values of the three main social work practice methods and provide an analysis of how they are applied in Zimbabwe and Africa today. (30 marks)
 - (b) analyze the promotion and adoption of social development as a model African social work practice against the relevance of social work training in Zimbabwe or any other African country. (10 marks)
 - (c) Outline practical ways for community engagement facilitation when dealing with community social problems such as the current COVID-19. (20 marks)
 3. As an advisor to the Minister of Social Welfare Services in an African country, submit a Policy Position Paper advising on a strategy for moving towards indigenous social work. Focus your policy paper around:-
 - (a) the overview of social work development in Zimbabwe or any other African country of your choice. (10marks)
 - (b) the Western bias for social work practice and the process of localizing social work in any other African country of your choice and the relevance of social work training in Africa. (20 marks)
 - (c) a focus on the Hall’s (1990) four (4) critical factor strategy for Building Indigenous Social Work in Africa. (30 marks)
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