



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

NHSW 216 SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

END OF SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION

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DURATION: WITHIN 48 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Write the course code, course name and your registration number on each page of the answer sheet.
3. Answer any one question.
4. Each question is worth 100 marks.
5. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

1. A mother of two teenage children finds herself self-isolating with her emotionally and physically abusive husband as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Neither she nor her children can go out to look for help because of national lockdown regulations, which require them to stay at home. The matter is reported to you as a social worker who has counselled the family before and you immediately suspect that the mother and her children may be in grave danger. Sketch out the specific safeguards/recommendations you would make to:
 - i. Mothers who may find themselves in this situation [25 marks]
 - ii. Children activists/practitioners confronted with this situation [25 marks]
 - iii. Law enforcement agencies [25 marks]
 - iv. The organisation for which you work [25 marks]

 2. Your attention is brought to the increasing cases of child abuse and neglect in your community as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Government invites you to design an analytical framework dealing mainly with the drivers of abuse and neglect. With the use of specific examples, prepare a detailed report that demonstrates how, in trying to understand child abuse and neglect in the context of a pandemic, social workers need to assess:
 - i. Possible factors in the adult [25 marks]
 - ii. Factors based on something in society [25 marks]
 - iii. Factors based on something about the child [25 marks]
 - iv. Factors based on family type [25 marks]

 3. The Covid-19 pandemic, through national lockdowns, is clearly having a major social and psychological impact on whole population through increasing unemployment or reduced incomes in cases where people rely on self-employment, separating families through physical distancing and various other changes in the way that people live. These are generally major psychological risk factors for anxiety, depression, substance abuse, domestic violence and self-harm. Using specific illustrative examples, outline how, as a social worker, you would use the principles of child safeguarding to prevent or respond to harm to children as a direct result of the pandemic.
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