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EXAMINATION PAPER

MODULE CODE : BSSW215
MODULE TITLE : SOCIAL WORK AND DISABILITY
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer three (3) questions, at least one question from each section.
2. Each question carries equal marks
3. Number of marks for part questions are shown in brackets
4. Start each question on a new page
5. This paper consists of three (2) pages

Question 1

Maria, a 40-Year-Old with a Mental Health Disability

Story:

Maria is a 40-year-old woman who has struggled with anxiety and depression for many years. Despite her intelligence and strong work ethic, she often feels overwhelmed and has trouble keeping a job. Maria lives alone and has limited contact with her family due to misunderstandings about her mental health issues. Recently, she faced a severe panic attack that prompted her to seek help. Maria hopes to find a social worker who can help her navigate her feelings and re-establish her connections with her family.

Questions:

- i. How do societal attitudes toward mental health impact her access to services?
- ii. What immediate interventions should a social worker consider if Maria experiences a mental health crisis?
- iii. How can social workers engage with Maria's family to create a supportive environment?
- iv. What long-term support options should be considered for Maria, and how can social workers facilitate her integration into the community?

Question 2

Describe the disability process showing skills that can be employed at each stage to support people with hearing impairment in accessing inclusive education.

Question 3

Demonstrate the significance of the human rights model of disability when assisting people with visual impairment in a chosen community.

Question 4

Use examples to show the relevance of using any **THREE** social work roles to address the needs of students with physical disabilities at a learning institution.

Question 5

'There are several coping strategies employed by mothers of children with disabilities.' (Munemo and Mwapaura, 2024). Examine this statement.

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