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EXAMINATION PAPER

COURSE CODE : **BSSW 215**
COURSE TITLE : **SOCIAL WORK AND DISABILITY**
DURATION : **3 Hours** 24 NOV 2025
DATE :

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer **THREE** questions.
2. Each question carries 100 Marks.
3. Give relevant examples or case studies.
4. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet

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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