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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER DECEMBER 2016

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS  
COURSE CODE: SOC 411  
TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS  
TOTAL MARKS: 100

INSTRUCTION:

1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS.
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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1. Compare and contrast any two sociological theories to understand social problems. Choose social problems from Swaziland and southern Africa to substantiate your answer.
2. Using Swaziland's situation and context; what would be the role of social policies and programmes in combatting poverty?
3. Macionis (2008) defines a social problem as "a condition that undermines the well-being of some or all members of a society and is usually a matter of public controversy". Discuss.
4. Is recidivism a social problem in Swaziland? What are the best ways to respond to the problem?
5. Discuss the impact of immigration on developed and developing countries.
6. The Dean of Student Affairs Office is planning to set up a programme to discourage drinking among students on campus. Applying your knowledge of social work, social influence and persuasion, advise DSA's Office on:
  - a. How students' attitude towards drinking might affect your choice of persuasion, and
  - b. Discuss the possible uses of fear and attribution.