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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER DECEMBER 2017**

**TITLE OF PAPER:       SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS**

**COURSE CODE:         SOC 411**

**TIME ALLOWED:        TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- (1) Answer Any Three (3) Questions.**
- (2) All Questions Carry Equal Marks.**
- (3) Total Marks 100**

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HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

1. Compare and contrast structural functional and conflict theories to the study of social problems. Do the two theories provide a better understanding of social problems?
2. Examine Macionis' (2008) assertion that social problem is "a condition that undermines the well-being of some or all members of a society and is usually a matter of public controversy". Illustrate your answer with examples.
3. Is suicide a social problem in Swaziland? Discuss the programmes and policies required to respond to the problem?
4. Discuss the reasons why the gap between the rich and the poor are growing wider in developing countries.
5. What are some of the problems the elderly face in today's society? Discuss how the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) and social welfare agencies should respond to their problems.
6. Define human trafficking. What are the causes and effects of human trafficking? Examine how its magnitude could be reduced.