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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2017**

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIAL WORK IN SCHOOLS

COURSE CODE: SWK 230

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

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

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BY THE INVIGILATOR TO DO SO**

QUESTION ONE

School social work is a complex and specialized field of practice that is affected by changes in education policy; research and practice models that continue to evolve.

Critically discuss the statement and use examples to support your views.

QUESTION TWO

For over a hundred years, school social workers have been providing a critical link between school, home and community. Examine the role of social workers in these three dimensions.

QUESTION THREE

School social workers seek to ensure equitable education opportunities; ensure that students are mentally, physically and emotionally present in the classroom; while promoting respect and dignity. Using the observational experience from the school setting discuss the statement and support it with concrete examples.

QUESTION FOUR

Examine ethical considerations for social workers in the school settings.

QUESTION FIVE

Examine the school feeding programmes and how they enhance the school experience for impoverished children. Draw examples from your observational experiences.

QUESTION SIX

- a) What are the challenges you faced when you entered school? How could a school social worker have helped?
- b) How can social workers help students want to stay in school and do well when their families do not put emphasis on education?
- c) Can you think of creative ways to make school head-teachers appreciate the role played by social workers within the school setting?

- d) Discuss learning disabilities and DSM-IV-TR disorders prevalent amongst students in the school you were attached to.
- e) How does the role of social worker in a school setting differ from that of other professionals within the school?