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Course Title: Social Development, Policy and Planning

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Time Allowed: 2:00HRS

Total Mark: 100

Instruction: There are two sections in this examination paper. The first section consists of one question, which is compulsory to attempt. In section two, there are five questions, out of which you are required to attempt any two.

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Compulsory Question

- Q1. Different disciplines define social development in different ways. Provide the definition given by social workers for social development.

Alternate Questions (Answer any two of the following questions).

- Q2. The social dimension is one of the major areas to measure social development progress. The social dimension has four sub-indicators. Describe these indicators.
- Q3. Define social policy and explain its focus.
- Q4. Compare and contrast the **neoliberal monetary** approach and the **capability or human development** approach to eliminate poverty.
- Q5. Read the following case and respond to the questions below.

“Mrs. K is a divorced Asian lone parent who has restricted movement through an arthritic condition made worse by the cold. She lives in rented accommodation with her 16-year-old son who has a learning disability. Mrs K is entitled to housing benefit. She rings social services to complain that her application has been put into the pending tray because she is still living with her former husband.”

“The social worker who picks up the case visits Mrs K and soon realises that there is no food and no heating in the house and Mrs K’s son is too scared to go out. It emerges that he has been cautioned by the police for allegedly throwing a stone through a shop window, an offence he denies, saying a gang of boys keep harassing him, shouting ‘Paki’ at him, so he prefers to stay indoors. The social worker asks whether Mrs K’s former husband pays maintenance. Mrs K does not answer but her son interjects that his father, who is white, owns three shops, drives a Mercedes, calls his son an idle scrounger and gives them nothing.”

The social worker realizes the Mrs K’s case touches different policy issues and service departments.

Assuming that you are the social worker who is supposed to deal with the above case, (a) which policy areas in Swaziland will you refer to and, (b) which departments will you consult to plan and provide the required support to this family? Why do you prefer such policies and service departments?

- Q6. Social indicators of economic inequality can be grouped as direct and indirect indicators. Pick two examples from each of these (direct and indirect social indicators of economic inequality) and discuss.