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**MAIN EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, DECEMBER 2016**

**TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIAL WORK IN PALLIATIVE CARE**

**COURSE CODE: SWK 323**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS**

**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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## **QUESTION ONE**

“Palliative care social workers form a working relationship with an individual, family, network or community that focuses on supporting them to discover and develop their strengths. They use their understanding of systems to help individuals, families and other groups to negotiate relationship problems and to get support they need from agencies and services” (Mathieu, 2012).

Critically discuss the role of social workers in palliative, end of life and bereavement care. Use examples from your experiential learning site to support your answer.

## **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Discuss why is it essential to have training in crisis intervention for social workers in hospice palliative care.
- b) Why is a history of substance use relevant to the pain assessment and management in palliative care patients?
- c) Critically discuss the eight (8) domains of quality palliative and hospice care.

## **QUESTION THREE**

Examine the challenges faced by Swaziland in the palliative care arena. Use examples from your experiential learning exercise you were engaged in.

## **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Discuss the role spirituality and religion in palliative, end of life and bereavement care.
- b) How essential is it for a social worker to be competent in using spirituality and religion as tools in working with terminally ill patients?
- c) How useful is the FICA Spiritual Assessment Tool

## **QUESTION FIVE**

Critically discuss how culture and tradition influence the dying process. Support your answer with concrete examples.

## **QUESTION SIX**

Palliative care social workers should be able to understand the impact of loss, grief and dying on the whole family and all the people who play a part in supporting the dying person. Discuss the role of training in grief, loss and bereavement for palliative care social workers.