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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2017**

**TITLE OF PAPER: CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES  
IN DISABILITIES**

**COURSE CODE: SWK 328**

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

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

**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL  
MARKS**

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PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR TO  
DO SO**

### **Question One**

“Disabled people have challenged their social exclusion through their politics and disability studies have developed to accompany this politicization: to assist disabled people in their fight for full equality” (Thomas, 2004: 571).

Critically discuss the politics of disability.

### **Question Two**

Official definitions of disability reflect the organizational requirements of governments, their institutions and key welfare professionals. Examine the significance of shifting the definition of disability from a pathological standpoint to politics.

### **Question Three**

Discuss the importance of empowerment and participation of people living with disabilities through non-governmental organizations (NGO's) activities.

### **Question Four**

Highlight ways in which the government of Swaziland can domesticate its provision and how policies on disability can address some of the gaps in the provisions for this population.

### **Question Five**

Examine the importance of addressing gender equality in the context of disability. Use examples to strengthen your arguments.

### **Question Six**

Critically discuss the importance of understanding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of 2009.