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RE-SIT EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, JULY 2018**

TITLE OF PAPER: LAW AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COURSE CODE: SWK 236

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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Question 1

Critically discuss the intersection of Rationality, ethics and human rights as patterns of organization of knowledge, skills and values in the application of law to social work practice.

QUESTION 2

Privileged Communication comprises of all information given to Healthcare personnel (nurses, doctors, social workers) by a patient; by law, this information must be confidential and shared ONLY with other member of the patient's health care team.

Discuss the implications of privileged information with regards to:

- i. Legal responsibilities**
- ii. Ethical responsibilities**
- iii. Patient/residents rights**
- iv. Advance directives**

QUESTION 3

Provide information on the current situation of the human rights of older persons in Swaziland , including particular challenges and threats that may prevent the full realization of their rights.

QUESTION 4

Examine the relationship between the law and social work practice. Use examples to support your views.

QUESTION 5

Examine the skills and knowledge required to work effectively with the law.

QUESTION 6

Deciding when to invoke the law is not a simple matter. Both Blom-Cooper's (1998) view that the law is the beginning and the finish of any action, and Stevenson's belief that an ethical duty of care is the mainspring of social work action, distort by over-simplification the

reality of practice. Competence in practice, requires both an acknowledgement of the relevance and applicability of the law and also assessment skills inspired by social work values, theoretical knowledge and practice wisdom. Discuss the statement.