



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

COURSE CODE: SWK 4252-1

**COURSE TITLE : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN
FIELDS OF PRACTICE**

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- *Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.*
- *Question one carries 20 marks*
- *All other questions carry 15 marks*

QUESTION ONE

- a) Imagine you are a social worker assigned to a homeless shelter. Describe the policies and practices you would implement to address the specific needs of homeless individuals **(7 marks)**
- b) Examine the impact of globalization and migration on social work practice, particularly in addressing the needs of diverse populations, fostering cultural competence, and advocating for immigrant rights and social inclusion. **(7 marks)**
- c) Discuss the importance of self-care and resilience-building for social workers in managing burnout, compassion fatigue, and vicarious trauma, and propose evidence-based practices for promoting well-being and sustainability in the profession. **(6 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explore the intervention process in social work. Provide examples from specific fields of social work practice to illustrate the application of the intervention process. **(8 marks)**
- b) As a social worker specializing in child welfare, outline a comprehensive intervention plan for a family affected by poverty and neglect. **(7 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Critically analyze the role of social work in responding to emerging public health crises, mental health challenges and the COVID-19 pandemic, and discuss effective strategies for intervention and prevention. **(15 marks)**

OR

You are a social worker working within the criminal justice system. Design a rehabilitation program for incarcerated individuals with substance abuse

issues.
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QUESTION FOUR

Explore the ethical dilemmas faced by social workers in navigating conflicts between personal values, professional obligations, and organizational policies, and propose strategies for resolving these dilemmas while upholding ethical standard **(15 marks)**

OR

Evaluate the role of technology in shaping contemporary social work practice, including its benefits and challenges in delivering services, maintaining client confidentiality, and addressing ethical considerations. **(15 marks)**

OR

Discuss the current trends and practices shaping the field of social work, with a focus on emerging issues, innovative interventions, and evolving roles for social workers **(15 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

a) Analyze the intersection of various forms of oppression, such as racism, sexism, ableism, and homophobia, and their implications for social work interventions aimed at promoting equity and social justice **(15 marks)**

OR

b) i. Examine the role of social work in promoting health, rehabilitation, and mental health services. **(10 marks)**

ii. Discuss the steps you would take to assess the family's needs, implement appropriate interventions, and evaluate the effectiveness of your practice. **(5 marks)**