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EXAMINERS FIRST SECOND

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This examination question paper consists of three (3) pages and two (2) questions, with a total of 50 marks

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer ALL the questions

QUESTION 1 [30]

- 1 1 Identify the three (3) principal elements found in proposition 1 of the personcentred approach (3)
- Describe your understanding of the constructivism approach in working with individuals. (6)
- Describe the three (3) forms of play that can be used by the social worker in working with children (9)
- 1 4 Discuss the principles inherent in the strength perspective according to Dennis (2009 15)

QUESTION 2 [20]

Read the case study and then answer the questions that follow.

Case study

A mother of a twelve-year-old boy visits a social worker to seek some advice. She says, "I am a Sunday School teacher at my church and I have ensured that my son attends Sunday School lessons every Sunday, but recently he has stopped attending. When I spoke to him about the importance of attending Sunday School, he told me that he wants to join his friends who are playing soccer for a junior league team in the community."

"I don't like the fact that the junior league team always plays its games on Sundays. In addition, some of the boys that my son is playing with are known to be smoking *insangu* (a Zulu name for dagga) and taking other drugs."

"I spoke to my son's father about this, but he told me to let our son do whatever he likes – which is playing soccer."

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"Now I don't know what I should do. As a social worker, I hope you can help me – although you look very young. Have you completed your social work degree or are you still a student social worker?"

- As a social worker working with the mother in the above case study, how would you apply the value of individualisation to facilitate the helping process from the PCA perspective? (2)
- How would you facilitate the process of change for the mother in terms of propositions 15, 18 and 19? (6)
- 2.3 Formulate responses to the mother, using the following advanced communication skills and focusing on the paragraphs specified in the following sub-questions
- 2 3 1 Identification and communication of the implied message (Focus on the **first** paragraph of the case study) {3}
- 2 3 2 Immediacy (Your response should be based on the **last paragraph** of the case study) {3}

(6)

2.4 Briefly discuss the above case study from the ecosystems perspective (6)

TOTAL: 50 MARKS