

## UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

## SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

**JULY 2017**

**TITLE OF PAPER**

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

**COURSE NUMBER**

**IDE-CPS104**

## TIME ALLOWED

## 3 HOURS

**TOTAL MARKS**

100

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF 5 QUESTIONS. ANSWER ANY 4 QUESTIONS.**
- 2. DO NOT WRITE ANY ANSWER ON THE EXAMINATION PAPER.**
- 3. WRITE ALL YOUR ANSWERS IN THE BOOKLETS PROVIDED.**

## QUESTION 1

Answer all the following questions:

- (a) In your own words discuss what the concept of best interest of a child means, supporting your discussion with illustrations from your experience with working with the youth.

[10 marks]

- (b) As a member of an NGO that seeks to protect and promote the rights of children in your community discuss measures that you can propose to government that will enhance the welfare of the children in that particular community.

[10 marks]

- (c) With reference to the children's rights instruments, state how you can assist a child who is being prevented from accessing medical treatment by his parents.

[5 marks]

**[TOTAL MARKS 25]**

## QUESTION 2

**Read the case study below and answer the set questions. Do not add to the facts in the case study**

Due to devastating effects of drought, a community in the Shiselweni region, has had to withdraw their young primary school-going children, from school, due to poverty and resultant hunger and failure to pay school fees charged by the school. Most of the children have resorted to seeking employment with a local cotton farmer who pays each child E10.00 for a week's labour. The children report that the conditions in the farm are unbearable as they are made to work without any breaks and at times they have nothing to eat.

You are a member of a local NGO and one of the children's parents has approached you for assistance.

You must help her by answering the following questions:

- (a) What do you think would be the concerns of the parents, teachers/ school authorities and learners? Make a list of the concerns of each of these groups.

[5 marks]

- (b) What rights do you think are being infringed in this case study? Name the rights that are being infringed and the source of the right.

[10 marks]

- (c) What would be the possible rights-based responses that they could take up?  
[10 marks]

**[TOTAL MARKS 25]**

### QUESTION 3

What measures has the Government of Swaziland taken to ensure that children's rights are protected and promoted? (You are required to identify and discuss at least five (5) laws and/or policies that the Government has put in place that seek to protect and promote children's rights in Swaziland)

**[TOTAL MARKS 25]**

### QUESTION 4

- (a) Discuss two (2) of the pillars upon which the Convention on the Rights of the Child is based. [8 marks]

- (b) There are three categories of human rights. Classify each of the enumerated human rights-

- (i) non-discrimination \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) health \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) housing \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) education \_\_\_\_\_
- (v) life \_\_\_\_\_
- (vi) work \_\_\_\_\_
- (vii) safe environment \_\_\_\_\_

[7 marks]

- (b) There are different layers of persons that have an influence on children's lives and who may have an obligation to protect children's right, state any three of these. [3 marks]
- (c) In the context of implementing the rights of children, what does the concept of *Ubuntu* mean? [2 marks]
- (d) What are human rights? [5 marks]

**[TOTAL MARKS 25]**

#### QUESTION 5

**Read the case study below and answer the set questions. Do not add to the facts in the case study**

A Christian school in the Lubombo region has expelled three children who have persistently refused to participate in the morning prayers as they believe this contrary to their religion. The school is of the view that these children are a bad influence to the other children and that the school cannot accommodate them. The children were informed of their expulsion without the school principal talking to them or subjecting them to a disciplinary process.

- (a) What are the children's rights involved in this case? [10 marks]
- (b) What can be potential solutions to this problem? [10 marks]
- (c) Identify the parties involved in this case and substantiate your answer. [5 marks]

**[TOTAL MARKS 25]**