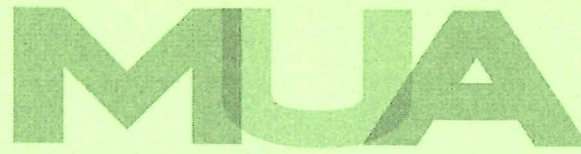


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**SWK 400 : HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT**

**DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**MAXIMUM MARKS: 70**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
5. Answer any other **THREE** questions.
6. Question **ONE** carries **25 MARKS** and the rest carry **15 MARKS** each.
7. Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided.

## QUESTION ONE

Read the Case Study below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

### THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

The Erikson's Psychosocial theory was very interesting to me, I always wanted to know more about Erikson's and his theories, I learned a lot about him in the sociology class and I found his theories more close to my own way of thinking that is the way I chose him and chose his theory. And also his idea of having eight stages was the most realistic and close to me.

After closely reviewing Erikson's eight stages of life I find that currently I am facing his seventh stage. This stage is known as Generativity VS. Stagnation it happens when you are a mature adult. This stage I see myself as because I am needed in the life that I am living. I live my life striving for the pursuit to take care of my family, and live a well-balanced life. Being the family man and devoted parent that I am Erikson's theory states that many adults obtain their needs to be needed, and by doing so they also direct the next generation in a direction. By being a generative adult I am committed to fulfill a greater need than just my own I am committed to leading my next generation to success with my positive guidance. The children I am raising are what make me a generative adult with a purpose to live. How can I fashion a gift is the main focused question of this stage.

It took me some time to fully understand what that meant, but I believe it to mean what I can do in my life for my next generation to remember me for. This means am I going to be remembered as the lazy person who care about nothing, or am I going to be remembered for the amazing person I was that accomplished everything he set his mind to. I have answered this question a number of times by actively being involved in my daughter's life and my family's life, and showing them I can accomplish everything for us to have a great life. This means my role as a great father I am actively engaged in my daughter's life I play with her, read to her, do puzzles with her, practice words with

her and try to be a positive influence to her. My daughter is only two, and by being as positive I can be I am hoping that she grows up to be very talented and smart. The other side of it is I am a very hard worker, and provided everything that my family needs, so in by doing this it shows her what hard work can got you. Being an active father in my daughter's life and future children's life I am hoping will bless...

**Required:**

- a) Evaluate the eight stages of Erik Erikson's eight stages of psychosocial development. (16 Marks)
- b) Propose the various ways that the author in the case study can cope with stress under the following headings:
  - i) Cognitive. (5 Marks)
  - ii) Physical. (4 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) Examine five key concepts in the study of human behaviour in the social context. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss how functionalism portrays social interactions. (5 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Assess Piaget's theory of cognitive development. (12 Marks)
- b) Analyze the psychological aspect in the biopsychosocial approach in the study of human behaviour. (3 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Distinguish between material and non-material culture. (3 Marks)
- b) Propose any six core values of social work services. (12 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Explore the process and consequences of outgroup homogeneity. (5 Marks)
- b) Discuss ways of reducing discrimination. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION SIX**

- a) Analyze the views of postmodernism as a social construct. (6 Marks)
- b) With illustrations from a real-life experience, demonstrate the transactional theory of stress and coping as brought out by Lazarus. (9 Marks)