UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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COURSE: SOCIAL WORK 4A **TIME: 3 HOURS**

MARKS: 100

PAPER:

ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION IN SELECTED SPECIALIZED FIELDS

SUBJECT CODE: SCW4AA4/MAW4A11

EXAMINERS: DR S BOND

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ANSWER *ANY TWO (2)* OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW

QUESTION 1

"There is no health without mental health" (World Health Organization cited in Schneider et al, 2016). According to Batemen (2015) "Grossly inadequate and un-coodinated government spending on treatment of mental illness is costing South Africa 2.2% of its annual GDP". Critically analyze mental health in the South African context.

Your answer should include:

The extent of mental health issues in South Africa (10 marks)

Policy in terms of service provision for mental health (10 marks)

The psychosocial problems associated with mental health disorders (10 marks)

The link between mental health and poverty (10 marks)

The quadruple burden of disease (10 marks)

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QUESTION 2

Michael is 23 years old, unemployed and smokes crystal-meth (Tik).His parents have brought him to the agency that provides services to substance abusers, where you are employed as a social worker. His parents want Micheal admitted to the inpatient rehabilitation facility. His parents state that Michael's behaviour has been escalating recently; he is rarely at home, has been stealing money from them and becomes aggressive when they challenge him about this. When you interview Michael, he says

that his parents are making a big deal of nothing; he says he doesn't smoke that much and he has the smoking under control. He states that his parent's loaned him the money. He says he gets angry when they talk to him about the money because they know he is unemployed and can't pay them back. Michael says he prefers staying out with his friends because they hang out and chill, whereas his parents are on his case all the time.

What stage of Proschaska and DiClemente's (1983) Cycle of Change is Michael at? Support your answer by making reference to the theory of the stage and examples from the case study.

Apply Proschaska and DiClemente's (1983) cycle of change to Michael's case. Your discussion should contain the theory of each stage and examples of social work activities (strategies/techniques) you can implement at each stage in order to facilitate change in Michael's situation.

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QUESTION 3

According to Deacon and Piercy (2001, p.358) "qualitative assessment methods can be a useful complement to quantitative testing because of their own unique advantages".

Critically evaluate quantitative and qualitative approaches to assessment in social work practice. Discuss examples of ***qualitative*** methods that can be used in the assessment process.

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