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**THIS PAPER HAS 3 QUESTIONS WHICH CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

**ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

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### **QUESTION ONE**

Hemson, Carter and Karuri-Sebina (2008) aptly states that: “the over-arching achievements of post-apartheid transformation in South Africa rest on the state’s ability to deliver basic functions and extend effective systems and social programs in response to people’s needs”. Bearing this statement in mind, critically discuss the progress made as well as the challenges for social welfare and social work in post-apartheid South Africa.

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### **QUESTION TWO**

“The transition of a country into a new order, advocating appropriate values, professional interventions, social development and promotion of human and civil rights gives social workers an opportunity and space to refocus, to redefine social work

practice and to train in the new contexts and to reflect on their roles and inputs in ongoing and future policy activities” (Mazibuko 1996).

- a) Discuss the tasks and functions of social workers in social policy practice (25)
- b) The roles and skills that social workers must pay attention to when engaging in social policy practice (25)

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### **QUESTION 3**

South Africa has a means-tested comprehensive social security system to meet the needs of the vulnerable in society.

Critically discuss:

- a) whether the current social security system does help the poor to break the cycle of poverty
- b) suggestions to improve the social security system

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