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QUESTION**

The past two decades have seen rapid economic growth in South Africa, which has been accompanied by urbanization and increased poverty and inequality. In these circumstances, the increased demand for social security and social protection has had citizens question whether the state will be able to afford to sustain the large cash transfers.

Critically discuss whether the current social security system in South Africa does provide the poor with the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. When answering the question, you need to bear in mind the following:

1. Critically discuss the development approach to welfare as a key conceptual framework for poverty eradication in South Africa. (20)
2. Critically discuss some of the constraints and/or the facilitating factors that affect poverty eradication. (20)
3. How can Afrocentric methods of social security be used to assist the poor who are not beneficiaries of the current social security system (40)
4. What suggestions would you make to improve the social security system so that it enhances human development and economic growth, taking into account the COVID-19 health crisis in South Africa? (20)

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1. Critically discuss the development approach to welfare as a key conceptual framework for poverty eradication in South Africa. (20)

Students must demonstrate understanding of developmental social welfare and the 5 pillars of social development. Some critical engagement with the progress made in the past two decades in the welfare sector are discussed and explanations provided based on relevant literature posted on BB.

2. Critically discuss some of the constraints and/or the facilitating factors that affect poverty eradication. (20)

Students are expected to critically engage with the role that social grants have played as the main facilitating factor of poverty reduction in SA. The ability to express opinions on the challenges such as economic globalisation, skewed distribution of resources, corruption, that have hampered implementation of developmental social welfare services is discussed.

3. How can Afrocentric methods of social security be used to assist the poor who are not beneficiaries of the current social security system (40)

Afro-centric is a culturally grounded social work practice based model that affirms, codifies and integrates common cultural experiences, values and interpretation that cut across people of Africa descent. Afrocentric is the critical analysis and interpretation of culture, economy, history, language, philosophy, politics, and society from a conceptual, methodological, and theoretical framework that centers Africa and privileges the agency of Africans and persons of African descent. Thus, it acknowledges African cultural resiliency as a foundation to help social problems that diminish human potential and preclude positive social change (Asante, 1991)

Community mobilization can be defined as “a capacity-building process through which community individuals, groups, or organizations plan, carry out, and evaluate activities on a participatory and sustained basis to improve their health and other needs, either on their own initiative or stimulated by others.” (Michau, 2007)

This refers to the African community approach in terms of community development and leadership. It is the fundamental beliefs, norms and strategies which are non Euro-centric. It is based on the indigenous knowledge of African people. And these knowledge goes hand in hand with the following African Values

-Respect

-Truth

-Covenant keeping

-Hard work

-Good Character

Other African cultural values and practices include the sense of hospitality, good relations, sacred and religion, sanctity of life, respect for elders and authority, morality, language, proverbs and time, and so on. They are dedicated to their religion. If these values are led by

the spirit of “Ubuntu”, Ubuntu is an ancient African word meaning humanity to others. It is often described as reminding us that “I am what I am because of who we all are”.

Secure a strong leadership

-Establish a formal structure

-Ensure authentic and productive role

-Develop a shared vision

4. What suggestions would you make to improve the social security system so that it enhances human development and economic growth in South Africa? (20)

Students must demonstrate having consulted prescribed readings by Raniga (2021,,2022) on BB to argue the importance of using cash transfers from social grants to facilitate livelihood strategies amongst beneficiaries. Hence the importance of involving beneficiaries of social grants in community-based economic projects is one key suggestion to ensure long-term income security in poor households. Involving children of beneficiaries in life-skills and livelihood projects is also important to improve the social protection system in families.