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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(MMUST)**

MAIN CAMPUS

MAIN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE

OF

**SOCIAL WORK AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**COURSE CODE: SSW 122**

**COURSE TITLE: BASIC SOCIAL WORK THEORY**

**DATE: 27/4/2023**

**TIME: 8:00-10:00AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer question **ONE** (30 marks) and any other **TWO** questions (20 marks each)

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

### QUESTION ONE:

- a) Identify and explain the limitations of theories in explaining social work problems (15 marks)
- b) Based on your own experience discuss some of the benefits of theories to social workers (15marks)

### QUESTION TWO:

The evolution of psychodynamic theory can be understood through four schools of thought: **drive theory, Ego psychology, Object relations theory and Self psychology. Elaborate** (20marks)

### QUESTION THREE

The application of **systems theory** involves looking at how all the ingredients (systems) come together to make the cake (complex system/whole) and how this ultimately give us the end result that none of these properties could produce on their own without a change to their environment (emergent characteristic).

Discuss

(20marks)

### QUESTION FOUR

**“Humans are believed to go through stages as they age”**, Validate this assertion based on psychosocial development theory (20Marks).

### QUESTION FIVE

Provide the assumptions and application of **social exchange theory** using relevant examples (20marks)