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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND
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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE

OF

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

COURSE CODE: SSW 400

COURSE TITLE: MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK

DATE: 5/12/2023

TIME: 12:00 – 2:00PM

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

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QUESTION ONE

A patient is hospitalized several times because of depression in Bungoma Referral hospital. As a medical social worker when you attempt to explore the cause of hospitalization the patient becomes tensed and hides the history of why he is being hospitalized.

- a). What steps should you take as a medical social worker in order to help the patient get out of depression. **(15 marks)**
- b). What strategies can you put in place to help the client out of depression. **(15 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

As a psychiatric social worker you observe inconsistency in the psychiatric-mental health nurse's behavior toward a patient; the nurse is unreasonably concerned, overly kind, or irrationally hostile. What steps can you take? **(20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

A husband has been committed to a psychiatric hospital as a result of violent and assaultive behaviors directed to his wife. In speaking with the psychiatric social worker the husband blames the wife and threatens to harm her. Later he retracts his threats and asks the psychiatric social worker not to tell anyone about the threat. Which action can you take as a psychiatric social worker and how can these actions help you solve this problem? **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

After determining the mental health status of a patient and treatment plan, medical Social workers are responsible for ensuring overall case management. What should you handle as a medical social worker in overall case management of a patient? **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

Using relevant examples, how can you apply the social work principles in a medical setting? **(20 marks)**