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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: MCS 512

COURSE TITLE: SPECIAL POPULATIONS

EXAM DATE: AUGUST 2024

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- **Answer any TWO questions**
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

Question one

Maria was born with a physical disability that affects her mobility. She uses a wheelchair and faces numerous barriers in her daily life, including inaccessible public transportation, limited employment opportunities, and social isolation. Despite these challenges, Maria has managed to maintain a positive outlook and leads a fulfilling life.

- a) In reference to the case study, analyze the Five resilience factors present in Maria's situation. **(10marks)**
- b) Propose Five interventions or support systems that could enhance Maria's resilience and coping mechanisms. **(10marks)**

Question two

Instructions

- a) Drawing on contemporary examples, relevant theories, and empirical evidence to support your arguments, write a comprehensive essay on the following components' role in mitigating challenges special populations face.
 - i. Social Support Networks **(5marks)**
 - ii. Community Resilience Initiatives **(5marks)**
 - iii. Adaptive Coping Mechanisms **(5marks)**
- b) Explain how these concepts interplay to enhance the overall resilience and well-being of special populations in contemporary society. **(5marks)**

Question three

The government of Kenya has implemented several policies and programs aimed at reducing homelessness. These include affordable housing initiatives, emergency shelter programs, job training and employment services, and mental health and substance abuse support. Despite these efforts, the rate of homelessness remains high, and there are concerns about the effectiveness and coordination of these interventions.

- a) Identify and discuss the gaps in these policies and programs that could be hindering its success. **(10marks)**
- b) Propose Five specific recommendations to improve the effectiveness and coordination of the policies and programs. **(10marks)**