Gratia Christian College
宏恩基督教學院

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Examination

Programme	:	Higher Diploma in Social Work
Course Code	:	HSW114A and HSW114B
Course Title	:	Human Behavior in Social Environment
Date	:	23rd Dec., 2025
Time	:	19:00-21:00 (2 Hours)
Weighting	:	50% of the overall marks
Student ID No.	:	_____
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This paper has **10** pages (including this cover page).

1. This paper contains three sections: Section A Multiple Choice Questions (40 marks), Section B Short Questions (20 marks) and Section C Long Questions (40 marks).
2. Answer all questions in all Sections.
3. Answers to questions should be written in the Answer Book.

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Section B. Short questions (20%)

1. Quality of life is an important aspect that affects different areas of human life.
   - What is the definition of quality of life (1 mark)? It is divided into subjective and objective, what are these (1 mark each)?
   - According to CUHK, quality of life is divided into 3 subgroups, one of these subgroups is the **environmental aspects**, please list out the related indexes / indicators (4 marks) and suggest **three** activities to enhance related quality (3 marks).

2. Humanism is one of the core components of social work practice. What are the humanistic views in human nature (4 marks)? In the process of intervention, what are the six necessary and sufficient conditions for personality changes (6 marks)?

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Section C. Long question (40%)

Local News Section - Special Report

Estate Youth Caught in Vicious Cycle: Poverty and Low Education Fuel Youth Gang Culture

DATE: *October 17, 2025*

The dark social realities of life in Shun On Estate were once again made clear this week. Chan Wai-ming, a 19-year-old resident, was briefly detained following a police operation targeting recurring issues of high-rise littering, graffiti, and minor theft within the Estate.

Wai-ming is seen as a tragic casualty of systemic issues. He dropped out of school after Form Three and lacks vocational skills and formal qualifications, severely limiting his job prospects in the competitive labor market. Sources confirm his family lives in extreme economic hardship in a cramped Public Housing unit, relying primarily on the unstable, low income of his single mother, who works odd jobs (散工). His father left the family during his childhood.

According to outreach social workers in the district, Wai-ming's primary social network consists of a small group of youth-at-risk from the estate. This loose-knit "youth gang" is known for shared delinquent behaviors, including petty crime, illegal gambling, and is suspected of involvement with Triad (黑社會) peripheral activities.

Shun On Estate and the adjacent communities face long-standing challenges of intergenerational poverty, a high proportion of single-parent families, and scarce community resources. Wai-ming's repeated encounters with law enforcement, coupled with his severely disadvantaged family background and poor social support, paint a dark and sad social picture.

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1. The above is a hypothetical news clipping concerning a young people 'Wai-Ming', please analyze his deviant behaviors by using:

   - A micro level theory to analyze his social performance (10 marks)
   - A mezzo level theory to analyze how his family / school / community shape his deviant behavior (10 marks)
   - A macro level theory to analyze how the social environment constructs his deviant behavior (10 marks).

   Your analysis for each level must include:

   - Theory Selection: State the name of the chosen theory
   - Core Concept: Briefly explain the main idea of that theory.
   - Application: Apply the theory directly to three specific facts about Wai Ming or his environment mentioned in the clipping.

   As a placement social work student (in an Integrated Family Services Centre), please suggest how you could intervene Wai Ming's situation. The suggestions should be:

   - 2 in Micro level interventions (4 marks)
   - 1 in Mezzo level intervention (2 marks)
   - 2 in Macro level interventions (4 marks)

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