

Master of Social Work Entrance Test

College of Social Work (Autonomous), Nirmala Niketan Institute, Mumbai

Duration: 90 minutes

Marks: 50

Note:

1. *There are three sections in this test, namely (a) English Comprehension, (b) General Knowledge, and (c) AIMS.*
 2. *In total there are 9 questions which have to be answered in 90 minutes*
 3. *English Comprehension and General Knowledge sections carries 10 marks each. AIMS carries 30 marks*
 4. *English Comprehension and General Knowledge should be answered in English Language only*
 5. *AIMS can be written in English/ Hindi/Marathi*
 6. *Students have to be present in exam platform 30 minutes before the test. Late comers will not be entertained*
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SECTION –I: ENGLISH COMPREHENSION (15 minutes)

(# Read the text carefully, before attempting to answer)

Social development, as a concept, was conceived in the Global South after the Second World War. Colonial masters and nationalist leaders then were most engrossed about economic modernization and raising standards of living (Midgley, 2014:4). Over time the concept has evolved and integrated the contributions of social workers embracing the dimensions of planned and deliberate, community engagement people's participation in their own welfare and development, as well as social change, social transformation and well-being (Paiva, 1977; Pathak, 2013; Midgley, 2014; Huegler. Lyons and Pawar, 2012). Stein (1976:2), Dominelli (1997:29) and D'Lima (1993) added the dimension of fulfilment of people's potential as an essential aspect of social development.

Though proposed two decades ago, Midgley's analysis of distorted and misguided development (1995) would probably hold true even in this current era of globalization. Distorted development refers to regional imbalances created due to the development process, and misguided development to a more serious issue where the goals of development are not consistent with the real needs of the people. Emphasising on the required process of change fostered through deliberate human action, Midgley (1995:38) suggested people-centred structures and processes and a participatory approach in decision-making.

Pawar and Cox (2010) summarized and classified the different definitions of social development under three categories, namely

1. Social development as systematic planning and the link between social and economic aspects of development;
2. Social development as bringing about structural change, and
3. Social development as realizing human potential, meeting needs and achieving a satisfactory quality of life.

Pawar and Cox (2010) combined the idealistic with the practical objectives of social development, aiming at structural change. They focused on both social and economic aspects, using planned intervention to realise human potential and achieve well-being.

In order to adopt the social development perspective or approach, social workers would need to recognise the importance of the following components: that it is inclusive and universalistic in its scope, having an interdisciplinary focus, is processual, progressive in nature, interventionist, entails a combination of strategies and promotes social welfare and economic development (Midgley, 1995).

1. Answer ALL the questions given below in three lines (2 x 3 questions= 6 marks)

- a) What is social development according to Pawar and Cox?
- b) Differentiate 'distorted' and 'misguided' development?
- c) According to the authors, how can social workers contribute to social development?

2. Write short response of 300 words on ANY ONE of the topics (4 x 1 question= 4 marks)

- a) Can volunteerism inculcate value of 'social responsibility' in today's youth?
- b) Impact of information technology on quality of education in rural India.
- c) Comment on urbanization and climate change.
- d) Reflect on the effects of privatization of health services.

SECTION – II: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (10 minutes)

3. Fill in the blanks (1 x 5 question= 5 marks)

- a. _____ High court has recognized river Ganga as the first living entity of India
- b. The author of the book ‘God of small things’ is _____
- c. The maternity benefit (amendment) bill 2016 seeks to increase the maternity leave to _____ from the earlier 12 weeks
- d. India ranks _____ in the 2016 Human Development Index
- e. The first vertical garden of India has been set up in the city of _____

4. Expand the abbreviations (1 x 5 question= 5 marks)

- a) AIIMS: _____
- b) AICTE: _____
- c) ASEAN: _____
- d) CAG: _____
- e) GST: _____

SECTION – III: AIMS (65 minutes)

5. Write a Statement of Purpose in 300 words using the pointers below (5 x 1 question= 5 marks)

- A brief information of self and family background
- Reasons for choosing social work as career
- Intellectual and personal attributes that you believe make you particularly suited for the profession of social work.

6. Give details about your prior volunteer and professional social work experience in 300 words using the pointers below (5 x 1 question= 5 marks)

- Full-time experience
- Part-time experience
- Volunteer experience
- Previous social work training (Diploma in Social Work/ Certificate in Social Work)
- Participation in NSS/NCC/College level social action clubs

7. Read the ethical situation and respond in 300 words (5 x 1 question= 5 marks)

Ravi is a social work practitioner with couple and families. Sam (who is about to get married next week) comes to meet the social worker for a pre-marital session. The social worker makes the client feel safe and secure. The client opens up about himself and discusses about his preparation for marriage. By the end of the session, Sam begins to trust the social worker and shares in confidence that he is HIV positive. Then he asks the social worker not to share the information with his would-be wife.

Answer the two questions:

- a) Is Ravi supposed to report the matter or not?
- b) What ethical principles of social work can be employed to resolve this matter?

8. Respond to the following statement by giving illustration, pros/ cons and explain your stand about the same (5 x 1 question= 5 marks)

“Censorship should be there on Visual and Print media”

- Provide Illustration/Example or Relevant Incident
- Discuss pros and cons of the statement
- Explain your stance

9. Write a short response in 300 words on ANY TWO of the following (5 x 2 questions= 10 marks)

- a) School bag gets heavier. Are we planting the seeds to a stressful society?
- b) Harsh punishment is more effective in reducing crime. Do you agree?
- c) Global warming: a farce or reality?

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