

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – LEVE 03
 FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER I – 2024/2025
 DSU3561 – PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT
 WORK
 DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 05/04/2025

Time: 9.30 a.m – 12.30 p.m

Instruction:

- Answer only five (05) questions out of nine (09)
- Each question carries twenty (20) marks.
- Please write in clear handwriting.

1. a) Define the concept of youth. [8 Marks]
- b) Briefly outline the three main principles of the Commonwealth Harare Declaration (1991) and explain their significance in youth development work. [12 Marks]
2. a) Explain how youth development work has evolved over time. Support your answer with major global events that have influenced its development. [10 Marks]
- b) Certain international traditions of youth development continue to influence contemporary practices in the field. Briefly outline these global traditions and identify similar traditions in youth development work in Sri Lanka. [10 Marks]
3. a) Briefly explain the expected professional conduct of a youth development worker. [10 Marks]
- b) Identify and describe the professional roles of a youth development worker in fulfilling their responsibilities toward youth. [10 Marks]
4. a) Explain how youth work practice varies across different settings. [10 Marks]
- b) Describe the challenges youth workers face when delivering services in different settings. [10 Marks]

5. a) Define the term 'group' and describe its basic characteristics. [10 Marks]
b) Describe the key characteristics of an effective group. [10 Marks]
6. a) Define the term 'model' and briefly discuss its functions in youth development work. [8 Marks]
b) Explain the treatment and reform models, and compare their similarities and differences. [12 Marks]
7. a) Discuss the concept of social transformation using social change theory. [10 Marks]
b) Describe the key factors influencing social change. [10 Marks]
8. a) What roles should youth development workers play in community development? [10 Marks]
b) Describe the skills and knowledge a youth worker needs to communicate effectively with young people. [10 Marks]
9. a) Explain the importance of the participatory approach when planning a youth work intervention. [8 Marks]
b) Youth work supervision is essential in achieving effective youth work practice. Based on this statement, explain the concept of youth work supervision using any relevant model or principles of youth work supervision. [12 Marks]

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