



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – LEVEL 4
FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER II -2024/2025
DSU4267–YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK: PERSONAL AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 16 / 08 /2025

Time: 1.30 p.m – 4.30 p.m

Instructions:

- Answer only FIVE (05) questions out of NINE (09).
- Each question is worth twenty (20) marks.
- Please write clearly.

1. a. Briefly describe the key influences that shape a person's worldview. (10 marks)
- b. Discuss how developing a personal worldview contributes to shaping both personal growth and professional effectiveness in youth work practice. (10 marks)
2. a. What is social comparison, and in what ways can it influence the decision-making and behavior of young people? (10 marks)
- b. Identify and explain self-assessment tools that youth workers can use to reflect on their practice and support youth in doing the same. (10 marks)
3. Critically examine the Positive Youth Development (PYD) approach and its relevance in understanding and supporting young people. (20 marks)
4. Explain how community-based organisations apply Positive Youth Development (PYD) strategies in their work with young people. Support your answer by referring to the five 'C's of PYD. (20 marks)
5. a. Define the protective factors that support a successful transition to adulthood and the risk factors that increase vulnerability in youth. (10 marks)

- b. Identify and briefly analyse a real-life scenario from your local area that reflects these risk factors. (10 marks)
6. Discuss the essential components and key considerations involved in developing a code of ethics for a youth organization, ensuring it effectively serves its clientele. (20 marks)
7. a. Explain the fundamentals of effective communication in youth work. (10 marks)
- b. Identify and describe communication methods that can be used to engage with youth in your community. (10 marks)
8. a. Explain the concept of Youth-Led Organisations (YLOs) and their significance in youth development. (10 marks)
- b. Discuss the role of a youth worker in transferring knowledge and building the capacity of leaders of YLOs. (10 marks)
9. Write short notes on any two of the following (20 marks)
- a. Importance of Occupational Health and Safety guidelines for youth work
 - b. Applying Vroom's theory to youth work
 - c. Communication challenges faced by a youth worker
 - d. Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network and its key outcomes.

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