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MA in Community Development

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SP532 Issues in Community Development Practice

Time allowed: TWO Hours

Answer any Three Questions

1. As a professional community worker in an area which lacks any tradition of collective action, discuss the pros and cons of key strategies for promoting participation in the development process.
2. Networking has emerged in recent years as a key activity for community groups. Identify possible barriers to full participation by community groups in a formal network and identify ways of overcoming such problems.
3. Good teamwork is essential to building relationships in a development organisation. Identify and discuss techniques for developing teamwork between a management committee and staff in a community group.
4. Discuss how a variety of evaluation techniques can be applied to evaluate both the task and process of a community group.
5. Sourcing and managing funds is an integral part of community work practice. What are the key practical problems posed to community group in the funding environment and how can paid community workers help overcome such problems?
6. Explore the role of the professional community worker in relation to the involvement of the community sector in the public policy making process.