Questions for the Comprehensive Exam

Please read the given case carefully and answer the following questions based on your role.

1. Given your insight into the client or client system, how would you engage with them? Describe at least two engagement strategies and your rationale for choosing these strategies. (Competency 6) 10

2. (a) Based on your understanding of assessing individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities, give a thorough assessment of this case, including:
   - Identification of your client or client system, including strengths and barriers to service provision.
   - Assessment of the problem(s). Include a genogram or ecomap as appropriate.
   - Identification of the theoretical perspective(s) that informed your assessment.
(b) Based on your assessment, propose two goals for your chosen client or client system and two objectives for each goal. (Competency 7) 20

3. Based on your identified goals in 2(b):
   - Describe the intervention strategies for each goal and each objective.
   - Describe the theoretical models that influenced your choice of intervention strategies and provide your rationale for selecting the models (Competency 8) 15

4. How will you evaluate whether your intervention was effective? Describe in detail your research approach and methodology: research question, design, measurement, sampling, strategies for data collection, and reporting. These could include quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods. Include a logic model if appropriate. (Competency 9) 10

5. Based on this case:
   - How would you utilize evidence-based practice to inform your interventions?
   - How would you and your agency engage in practice informed research? (i.e. How would your practice experience contribute to social work research). (Competency 4) 5

6. Based on your identification of problems in the client or client system in Question 1(a), what suggestions do you have for legislative or policy changes that may ameliorate these problems? What strategies would you recommend, and how would you go about implementing these, based on your knowledge of macro interventions? (Competency 5) 10

7. Identify ethical issues, and challenges that you are likely to face in your professional behavior, with this client or client system. Describe your strategies to deal with these challenges. (Competency 1) 10

8. Identify at least two challenges related to diversity and culturally sensitive issues you might encounter. Describe how you would address these issues. (Competency 2) 10

9. Social work as a profession aspires to advance human rights, such as social, economic, and environmental rights. Identify at least one human right and/or social justice issue in this case and how you would advocate to protect the rights of the population being discriminated against. (Competency 3) 10