- Social casework (or social work) values have roots in the democratic social system. These contain certain ideas which are valuable to anyone engaged in social work practice.
- The principles of social casework are applied in establishing close relationship between social caseworker and the client. Relationship is the medium through which changes are brought in the behaviour and personality of the client.
- Social casework was practised in India under the cover of religious and social sermons. Indians had their own ways to achieve and accomplish the individual purposes.
- Social caseworker, helps the client to understand his self, his situation and his ways of deciding and acting to enable him to modify (or enrich) his style of thinking, feeling and acting and to solve his immediate and future problems.



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3.8 ANSWERS TO 'CHECK YOUR PROGRESS'

Answer 1. Social casework enables an individual to obtain a higher level of social functioning through an interpersonal transaction or face-to-face or person-to-person encounter. The caseworker helps the