

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCE) YEAR 2
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN AFRICA

COURSE CODE: PA 205

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS;
TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF
TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Explain the theoretical basis of civil service neutrality and the separation of roles in government. To what extent is there a gap between theory and practice? Discuss with reference to African countries.

QUESTION 2

What do you understand by the term administrative reform? What factors have necessitated the reform of public sector organizations in the African countries with which you are familiar?

QUESTION 3

Why are many African countries concerned about the size and cost of the civil service today? What, in your view, are the policy options available to governments seeking to create a civil service that is appropriate in size and affordable with regard to cost?

QUESTION 4

To what extent is corruption responsible for some of the development failures in African countries? What strategies would you recommend to minimize or control this problem?

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Identify five essential principles of good governance and explain why in your opinion they should be viewed as critical elements in the practice of public administration in Swaziland.

QUESTION 6

Identify and discuss the factors that, in your opinion, hinder the successful implementation of administrative reforms.

QUESTION 7

To what extent are some of the principles of good governance observed in the practice of public administration in Swaziland today?

QUESTION 8

With adequate examples from selected African countries, discuss the problem relating to land rights, ownership, and distribution. In your answer analyze the various policies aimed at addressing the land question.