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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2007**

**TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN AFRICA**

**COURSE CODE: PA 205**

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS;  
TWO 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 any African country with which you are familiar.

### **QUESTION 2**

What is Public Administration? Is public administration a science or an art?

### **QUESTION 3**

What has given rise to the emergence of the New Public Management (NPM)? Explain the main principles of this new paradigm for public sector reform? Illustrate your answer with examples from African countries

### **QUESTION 4**

Discuss fully and critically the issue of corruption with reference to its causes, consequences and control in the public administration environment, drawing examples from any African country with which you are familiar.

## **SECTION B**

### **QUESTION 5**

"The purpose of civil service reforms is to improve the performance of the civil service and ensure its appropriateness, affordability and sustainability overtime." Carefully analyze this statement and illustrate your answer with examples drawn from Swaziland.

### **QUESTION 6**

Compare and contrast the role, powers and effectiveness of oversight bodies in Swaziland with other similar bodies in the African countries with which you are familiar.

### **QUESTION 7**

Why has the issue of good governance assumed special significance in more recent years in Africa in general and Swaziland in particular? Comment on the initiatives that are underway to promote good governance in the African continent.

### **QUESTION 8**

With reference to the Kingdom of Swaziland, assess the need for public service reform and suggest some of the possible reforms.