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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2007**

**TITLE OF PAPER : LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE : PA 406**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS :**

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 25.**

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1. What do you understand by the term decentralization? Examine the forms and reasons for decentralization in third world countries.
2. Discuss the evolution of modern local government in Africa.
3. What is the rationale for central government control of local government? Discuss the recent trends in central-local government relationship.
4. Outline and discuss the merits and demerits of three (3) major local government personnel systems that have been practised in African countries.
5. Discuss the significance of local government training in African countries with which you are familiar. What suggestions would you offer to strengthen present local government training programmes in these countries.
6. Discuss urban property tax and borrowing as sources of local government financing in Africa.
7. Examine the functions of a local government budget.
8. Analyse the role of rural local government (Tinkhundla) in local development in Swaziland.