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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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QUESTION 1

Write an analytical essay outlining and discussing the following aspects of decentralization:

- (a) The concept of decentralization
- (b) Forms of decentralization
- (c) Rationale for decentralization
- (d) Limitations of decentralization
- (e) Assessment of the effectiveness of decentralization

QUESTION 2

“Local government in Africa has passed through five distinct phases, each with its different organizational features.” Discuss.

QUESTION 3

Examine critically the major local government personnel systems that have been tried in Sub-Saharan Africa.

QUESTION 4

Discuss the features and problems of urban property tax in African countries.

QUESTION 5

Examine the reasons for central government control of local government and proceed to discuss the recent trends in central-local government relationships.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the following aspects of accountability in local government:

- (a) The meaning of accountability
- (b) Forms of accountability
- (c) Obstacles to accountability
- (a) Measures for enhancing accountability

QUESTION 7

Outline and discuss the key elements of a fiscal decentralization programme.

QUESTION 8

Identify and discuss the problems and challenges facing local government in Swaziland.