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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: 2009

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

What is Public Administration? Discuss the values and characteristics of Public Administration that set it apart from Private Administration.

QUESTION 2

Explain the politics-administration dichotomy. What is the theoretical basis of this concept and to what extent is it applicable to public administration in Africa?

QUESTION 3

"The major recent public administration reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa are inspired by or have parallels in the public administration reform experiences of other countries - industrialized, developing, and transitional - across the continents". Discuss

QUESTION 4

"The phenomenon of corruption thrives in Africa. It is now widely acknowledged that it is responsible for many development failures. Consequently, its effective deterrence and prevention have become matters of major concern globally and particularly so in Africa". Discuss

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Why are African governments, in general, and the Government of Swaziland, in particular, concerned about the size and cost of the civil service? What, in your view, are the policy options available to the Swaziland government for addressing this concern?

QUESTION 6

Critically analyse the function and effectiveness of the Public Service Commission in Swaziland from a historical perspective.

QUESTION 7

Why has the issue of governance and good governance assumed special significance in more recent years in Africa in general and Swaziland in particular? Analyse any two elements of good governance with special reference to the Swaziland situation.

QUESTION 8

Assess the powers and effectiveness of oversight bodies in Swaziland and compare them with other similar bodies in the African countries you know.