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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER: 2009

TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COURSE CODE: PA 406

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS, TWO FROM EACH SECTION.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 25 MARKS EACH**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

What is decentralization? Explain the four types of decentralization and the reasons for decentralization. Give examples of decentralization in Sub Saharan Africa.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 2:

Make a historical and comparative analysis of the decentralization process in two different countries of your choice. Explain some of the factors that generally influenced the review of decentralization and the local government system initiated in these two countries.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3:

What are the sources of finance for local authorities in Sub-Saharan Africa. What are the strengths and main weaknesses of their resource-base?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 4:

Local government democracy is the level of democracy that is closest to the people and allows the local populace to actively participate in affairs that affect them directly. Discuss this and explain the role of the different stakeholders in citizen participation in local government in Africa. Give examples.

(25 marks)

SECTION B

QUESTION 5:

Swaziland developed and adopted the decentralization Policy of 2006. The implementation of this policy will be mainstreamed within the greater ambit of the Tinkhundla system of government and governance. Explain.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 6:

Discuss the following in relation to local government in Africa:

- Citizen participation
- Local Authority Associations
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Traditional leadership

(25 marks)

QUESTION 7:

The recent events at the Mbabane City Council are partly a result of central government control of local government. Discuss the reasons for central government control of local government and the current trends in central-local government relationships.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 8:

The recently adopted constitution of Swaziland defines a specific and pivotal role of the Tinkhundla system of government. Discuss.

(25 marks)