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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2010

TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 406

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF
TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Define *decentralization* and distinguish between the different types of decentralization.

QUESTION 2

What are the reasons for decentralization within a state? Use examples from a group of countries with which you are familiar to illustrate your points.

QUESTION 3

Identify and discuss at least three analytical models that offer some insights into central-local relationships.

QUESTION 4

In most countries - developed and developing - the national government exercises a degree of control over the actions of local government. However, the means of exercising this control vary from one country to another. Discuss this statement and illustrate your points with examples.

QUESTION 5

From a historical perspective, assess the evolution of the local government system in Swaziland and highlight the factors that influenced the review of decentralization in the country.

QUESTION 6

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

QUESTION 7

Explain the functions of a local government budget.

QUESTION 8

With reference to local government, discuss the following key elements of good governance:

- Accountability
- Participation
- Representation
- Effectiveness
- Equity