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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2012

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? Assess the view that Public Administration can best be understood in terms of its *locus* and *focus*.

QUESTION

Discuss the important similarities as well as significant differences in the political, economic and administrative features of African states.

QUESTION 3

Discuss the *public service crisis* of the post independence era.

QUESTION 4

Does the New Public Management (NPM) represent a major shift from Public Administration? What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of NPM?

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Why are governments concerned about the size and cost of the civil service today? What, in your view, are the policy options available to governments seeking to address this concern? Illustrate your answer with examples.

QUESTION 6

Corruption is a pervasive phenomenon and has continued to thrive in many African countries. It is now widely acknowledged that it is responsible for some of the development failures. Consequently, its effective deterrence and reduction have become matters of major concern in Africa in general and Swaziland in particular. Discuss

QUESTION 7

Discuss the following components of good government with special reference to Africa: *legitimacy of government, accountability, competence of government, respect for human rights and the rule of law.*

QUESTION 8

Assess the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) as a strategy for addressing some of the development and governance challenges confronting the African continent.