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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2013

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

A striking feature of Africa today is the continent's sheer size, diversity and complexity. Discuss this statement highlighting the significant similarities and differences between the more than 50 African states.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the *colonial legacy* with reference to African countries, drawing examples from both Anglophone and Francophone Africa.

QUESTION 3

Drawing from relevant sources, assess the *public service crisis* of the post independence era.

QUESTION 4

What has given rise to the New Public Management (NPM)? Discuss the features and principles underpinning this 'new paradigm' in public sector reform? Illustrate your answer with examples from African countries.

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 from African countries including Swaziland.

QUESTION 6

Assess the functions, strengths and weaknesses of a public body in Swaziland whose mandate is to minimise corruption and unethical behaviour and promote integrity in public administration.