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TITLE OF PAPER:

ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

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THREE (3) HOURS

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ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the reasons and justifications for the establishment of public enterprises in developing countries (25 Marks).

2. Discuss the 'unique' environments of public enterprises in developing countries that are said to be different from the Western environments (25 Marks).

3. 'It has been argued that Ministerial Control is by far one of the most direct and effective methods used by the state to control public enterprises.' Discuss (25 Marks).

4. Explain the differences between the following organizational types of public enterprises; Public Corporation, Joint Stock Company and Public Company (25 Marks).

5. Commercial values cannot be exclusively relied on as a mechanism to assess the effectiveness of public enterprises. Discuss (25 Marks).

6. Discuss the managerial problems that compromise the performance of public enterprises in developing countries (25 Marks).

7. Critically assess 'broadening ownership' as a reason advanced for the privatisation of public enterprises in Africa (25 Marks).

8. Discuss the challenges of implementing programmes designed to privatise public enterprises in Africa (25 Marks).