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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2013

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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QUESTION 1

What is decentralization? Examine the reasons for decentralization within a state.

QUESTION 2

Examine the characteristics of the classical model of devolved local government.

QUESTION 3

Select a developing country that has engaged in a major decentralization programme. With regard to the country you have chosen:
(i) Describe the type of decentralization programme that was initiated and (ii) Comment on the achievements of the programme and the constraints that it faced during its implementation.

QUESTION 4

With reference to intergovernmental relations, explain the reasons for central government control over local government and discuss some of the popular control measures. Illustrate your answer with examples.

QUESTION 5

Discuss *accountability, participation, representation, efficiency and effectiveness* as key elements of good governance with particular reference to local government.

QUESTION 6

Financial responsibility is a core component of fiscal decentralisation. If local governments are to carry out decentralised functions effectively, they must have adequate levels of revenue as well as authority to make decisions about expenditures. Discuss.

QUESTION 7

The influence of traditional forms of leadership have not greatly diminished outside the larger cities in vast areas of West Africa and Southern Africa and in some cases traditional authorities continue to participate actively in governmental structures at local, provincial and national levels. Discuss

QUESTION 8

Discuss the rationale for and functions of the Tinkhundla system of government in Swaziland. What are some of the challenges associated with it?