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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION 2016**

TITLE OF PAPER:	ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
COURSE CODE:	PA 307
TIME ALLOWED:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS:	ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS

1. Explain the 'Public' and 'Enterprise' concepts as used in the term 'public enterprise' (25 Marks).
2. Discuss the reasons and justifications for the establishment of public enterprises in developing countries (25 Marks).
3. Demonstrate your understanding of the common organisational types of public enterprises in Africa by comparing and contrasting a 'public corporation' format and a 'public company' format (25 Marks).
4. Establishing clear operational objectives is critical to the measurement of the performance of public enterprises. Discuss. (25 Marks).
5. Public enterprises in Africa have generally performed below expectations. Discuss any two (2) of the following problems that have been identified as major contributors to this poor performance.
 - (a) Managerial problems
 - (b) Control and autonomy problems
 - (c) Human resources management problems (25 Marks).
6. Define the concept of Privatisation and discuss any two of the following methods of privatising state-owned enterprises:
 - (a) Sales of shares
 - (b) Sales of Assets
 - (c) Joint ventures (25 Marks).
7. Discuss 'broadening ownership' as a reason for the privatisation of public enterprises in Africa. (25 Marks)
8. It has been argued that generally, programmes for the privatisation of public enterprises in Africa have been poorly designed, hence their inevitable failure. Discuss any two factors that support this statement (25 Marks).