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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY, 2018

TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNNMENT ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 406

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS:

                  2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS
                     OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH

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QUESTION 1:

What is your definition of local government? Discuss the functions of local government and the challenges thereof.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 2:

Discuss some of the issues that need to be taken into account to ensure that local government entities are engaged in good governance practices.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3:

What are the main features of decentralization and explain in greater detail the different models of decentralization.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 4

Using the Urban Government Act of Number 8 of 1969, what are the different tiers of government. Describe the nature of decentralisation and that was initiated and assess the powers of the central government in relation to municipal authorities.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 5

Municipal authorities are created by statute as institutions of local government as part of the policy of decentralization in Swaziland. Discuss the distinctive characteristics of local government entities and some of the challenges they face?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 6

Discuss the Tinkhundla system of governance as a decentralisation exercise to the local level. What are the main challenges of this form of decentralisation?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 7

Effective financial planning and management is critical in transforming the municipalities into better living areas. What are the four financial management processes used in municipalities? Discuss the main sources of municipal income.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 8

Discuss the key attributes of the Local Economic Development (LED) and explain why LED is important in local government practice.

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