



# UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, OCTOBER, 2021  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

COURSE CODE: PA 406:

TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

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Instructions:

1. Answer four (4) questions, two from Section 1 and another two from Section 2.
2. All questions carry equal marks of 25% each.

Special Requirements:

None

Additional Material (s)

None

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## **SECTION 1: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION 1:**

Define the characteristics of local government in Africa, why local government is important and what actions need to be endorsed relative to governance and the promotion of democratic local government.

**(25 marks)**

### **QUESTION 2:**

Discuss the governance principles that apply at the local government levels that are considered important in strengthening local governance processes.

**(25 marks)**

### **QUESTION 3:**

What are the main features of decentralization in Africa. Explain in greater detail the different models of decentralization.

**(25 marks)**

### **QUESTION 4**

Using the Urban Government Act of Number 8 of 1969, discuss the different tiers of government and the nature of decentralisation of urban government in Eswatini. Assess the powers of the central government in relation to municipal authorities.

**(25 marks)**

## **SECTION 2: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION 5**

Discuss the distinctive characteristics of local government entities in Sub Saharan Africa and some of the challenges they face?

**(25 marks)**

### **QUESTION 6**

Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Tinkhundla system of government in Swaziland as a decentralisation exercise to the local level. What are the main challenges of the Tinkhundla system of governance especially in light of the duality of roles they play as agents of development and decentralization.

**(25 marks)**

### **QUESTION 7**

Make a comparative analysis of the two forms of local government systems in the Kingdom of Eswatini in relation to the laws and policies that establish each and their institutional frameworks.

**(25 marks)**

### **QUESTION 8**

Discuss some of the critical challenges that are faced by local government in Sub Saharan Africa and some of the solutions thereof.

**(25 marks)**