



UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: OCTOBER, 2021

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

COURSE CODE: PAD 402

TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

Instructions:

1. This paper consists of Section A and B
2. Answer TWO (2) questions: One question from Section A and another question from Section B
3. All questions carry equal marks of fifty (50 marks) each.

Special Requirements:

None

Additional Material (s)

None

Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book when instructed by the Chief Invigilator and sign their examination attendance cards but must NOT write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.

No electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving text, including electronic dictionaries and any form of foreign material may be used while in the examination room.

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SECTION A:

1. Democratic decentralization facilitates good governance at the local level. Discuss the different models of decentralization and give the advantages and disadvantages of decentralisation.

(50 Marks)

2. What are the universal features and characteristics of local government in Africa. Discuss the reasons why local government is important and what are the basic principles that need to be embraced by Africa to ensure democratic governance at the local level.

(50 Marks)

SECTION B:

3. Make a comparative analysis of the two systems of local government in Eswatini in relation to the following:

- i) The legal instruments that establish them
- ii) the institutional framework within which each operates
- iii) the challenges that they face as local government institutions.

(50 marks)

4. Discuss the challenges faced by local government in Eswatini and some of the strategies for strengthening local government.

(50 Marks)