UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2004 DEGREE IN HOME ECONOMICS YEAR 5

COURSE CODE:

FRHD 502

TITLE OF PAPER:

PUBLIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION 1 IN SECTION A AND

ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.

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SECTION A:

QUESTION 1

The Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) Prince Mangaliso reported at Esibayeni that the majority of the Swazi people were strongly against the re-introduction of political parties. Fours year alter, Prince David, Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee (CDC) reported at the same venue that the Swazi population was divided on the issue of re-introduction of political parties.

The reports made by the two distinguished Gentleman will very much influence the course of action to be taken concerning the issue of political parties in the constitution. It is important that the Swazi people should feel that they are part of the decision regarding the re-introduction of political parties.

Using the policy models and theories, and citing resources available to key players in the policy process discuss the re-introduction of political parties in the country and indicate how some key players in the policy process influenced the decision. (60 points)

SECTION B

QUESTION:2

(i) Public policy is a specific course of action taken collectively by society a legitimate representative of a society addressing a specific problem of concern.

Briefly discuss the above statement and highlight how public policy differs from a policy made by a private organisation such as usuthu Pulp Company.

(10 points)

(ii) It is easy to make promises when campaigning for political positions, but once in office, it becomes difficult to deliver due to some rigidities and irrationalities.

Discuss the rigidities that make Government policy very ineffective.

(5 points)

(iii) Discuss summative and formative evaluation in policy implementation.

(5 points)

QUESTION: 3

(i) Politics is more concerned about the quarrel over which rules to be enforced; what service to be provided; how much money to be spend etc. In the absence of political parties, the leadership makes the major policy decisions. Thus the prime Minister and the King are key players in the policy decision in the country.

Comment on the above statement, giving specific examples.
(10 points)

(ii) Briefly discuss the basic steps in policy analysis. (5 points)

(iii) What is the role of Bureaucrats / Civil Servants in the policy process? (5 points)

QUESTION: 4

Define the following terms:

(i)	Triggering mechanism	(5 points)
(ii)	Regime values	(5 points)
(iii)	Parento optimum	(5 points)
(iv)	Policy management	(5 points)