## UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION 2008

TITLE OF PAPER:

ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC

**(4)** 

**ENTERPRISES** 

**COURSE CODE:** 

PA 307

TIME ALLOWED:

THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 

ANSWER ANY FOUR

**QUESTIONS** 

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- 1. Write and analytical essay on the role of public enterprises in national development in African countries. (25 marks)
- 2. Discuss the under-listed controls over public enterprises:
  - (a) Legislative control
  - (b) Executive control
  - (c) Treasury control
  - (d) External audit of accounts and management practices (25 marks)
- 3. Outline and discuss the financial problems facing African public enterprises. What measures for improvement would you suggest? (25 marks)
- 4. Examine the significance of human resources planning in public enterprises. (25 marks)
- 5. Discuss in detail, the following methods of privatising public enterprises;
  - (a) Management or employee buyouts
  - (b) Joint ventures
  - (c) Lease (25 marks)
- 6. Research into privatisation in Africa has concluded that factors other than the stated objectives have influenced privatisation. Discuss. (25 marks)
- 7. 'Broadening Ownership' of public enterprises is one of the major reasons advanced by African governments for privatising state-owned enterprises. Discuss the controversies associated with this concept. (25 marks)
- 8. The implementation of programmes that concern themselves with privatisation of public enterprises has often faced numerous challenges in Africa. Discuss any three of these challenges. (25 marks)