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- 1. Almost all African countries have a large public enterprise sector. Discuss the justification for the establishment of public enterprises in the continent (25 marks).
- 2. Discuss in detail, the following methods of privatising public enterprises;
 - (a) Management or employee buyouts
 - (b) Joint ventures
 - (c)Lease (25 marks)
- 3. Several environmental factors have a direct effect on the performance of public enterprises in Africa. Discuss the following factors:
 - (a) The 'developing country environment'
 - (b) The 'political dimension/environment' (25 Marks).
- 4. The generally poor performance of public enterprises in Africa has been attributed to a number of factors. Discuss the 'Human resource/personnel' and 'poor resource utilisation/allocation' challenges (25 Marks).
- 5. It has been argued that one of the most important steps in the reform of public enterprises in Africa is the establishment of the appropriate policy framework. Discuss (25 Marks).
- 6. Research into privatisation in Africa has concluded that factors other than the stated objectives have influenced privatisation. Discuss. (25 marks)