UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCE), YEAR 3

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2010

TITLE OF PAPER:

PUBLIC PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE:

PA 306

TIME ALLOWED:

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS;

TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Assess the essential differences between personnel administration and human resource management.

QUESTION 2

What is human resource planning? Why has human resource planning gained importance in both the public and private sectors?

QUESTION 3

Explain the objectives of the financial compensation process and the main determinants of wages and salaries in the organizations that you know.

QUESTION 4

Define *performance* appraisal. Identify five performance appraisal methods and discuss their advantages and disadvantages.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Discuss the circumstances under which an employer may legitimately dismiss an employee on the grounds of incapacity.

QUESTION 6

Define collective bargaining. Distinguish between distributive and integrative bargaining.

QUESTION 7

Discuss fully and critically the dispute resolution process in terms of the Industrial Relations Act of 2000 (as amended).

QUESTION 8

Explain the following concepts:

- dispute
- constructive dismissal
- substantive fairness
- conciliation
- arbitration

In your answer, you must make reference to the provisions of the Employment Act of 1980 (as amended) and the Industrial Relations Act of 2000 (as amended).