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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCE), YEAR 4**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2015**

**TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE: PA 406**

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**

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

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## QUESTIONS

1. What is decentralization? Examine five major reasons for decentralization within a state.
2. Examine the role and function of councillors and staff in a typical local authority in Swaziland or any other country of your choice.
3. Choose a country that has engaged in a major decentralization programme. For the country that you have chosen: (i) Describe the type of decentralization programme that was initiated and (ii) Comment on the challenges that were encountered during its implementation.
4. Examine central-local government relations utilizing any two analytical models of your choice.
5. With reference to central-local government relations, explain the reasons for central government control over local government and examine the control measures that are used in the countries that you are familiar with.
6. The influence of traditional forms of leadership have not greatly diminished outside the larger cities in vast areas of West Africa and Southern Africa and in some cases traditional authorities continue to participate actively in modern government structures at local, regional and national levels. Discuss
7. Examine the functions and characteristics of a local government budget.
8. Examine the decentralization programme that was initiated by the Swaziland government in urban areas. Comment on the achievements of the programme and the constraints faced during its implementation.