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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 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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QUESTION 1

Examine five major reasons for decentralisation within a state. Illustrate your answer with examples.

QUESTION 2

What is deconcentration? Discuss the different models and designs of deconcentrated authority. illustrate your answer with examples.

QUESTION 3

Examine central-local government relations utilising any two analytical models of your choice.

QUESTION 4

Drawing from the relevant statute, assess the powers of the Minister in relation to municipal authorities in Swaziland.

QUESTION 5

Drawing from relevant sources, assess the rationale for and essential underpinnings of fiscal decentralisation.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the features, strengths and weaknesses of property tax as a source of income for local government.

QUESTION 7

Analyze the relevance of traditional systems of governance in contemporary Africa in relation to the management of public affairs at the local, provincial and national levels.

QUESTION 8

With reference to Swaziland (i) discuss the nature of the decentralisation programme that was initiated and (ii) assess the strengths of the decentralisation programme that was chosen and (iii) comment on the challenges that were experienced during its implementation.