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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2005

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

Write an analytical essay on decentralization in the Third World.

QUESTION 2

You have been asked to lecture a group of local government officers on the evolution of modern local government in Africa. What would you say?

QUESTION 3

Identify the main local government personnel systems and discuss their merits and demerits.

QUESTION 4

Outline and discuss the reasons for central government control of local government and proceed to examine the recent trends in central - local government relationships.

QUESTION 5

Examine the main features and problems of urban property taxes in Africa.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the major functions of a local government budget.

QUESTION 7

Discuss the objectives and shortcomings of Tinkhundla system of local government in Swaziland.

QUESTION 8

What is accountability? Outline and discuss the major problems and challenges facing accountability in African local government. What measures for improvement would you suggest?