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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2006

TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN AFRICA

COURSE CODE: PA 205

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS;
TWO FROM EACH SECTION**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF
TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Explain the theoretical basis of the political neutrality of the civil service. To what extent is there a gap between theory and practice? Discuss with reference to African countries.

QUESTION 2

With reference to African countries, assess the importance of leadership in public governance.

QUESTION 3

Define the term administrative reform. What do you consider to have been the main reasons for introducing reform in the public service in the African countries you are familiar with?

QUESTION 4

Assess the objectives and significance of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) with regard to the development challenges facing the African continent.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Why should the Kingdom of Swaziland be concerned about the size and cost of the public service? Assess the measures which may be considered by the Swaziland government in addressing the problems associated with the size and cost of the public service.

QUESTION 6

Identify and discuss the factors which in your view may create a fertile ground for corruption and unethical behaviour in the public administration environment in Swaziland. Discuss two strategies that may help minimize corruption and unethical behaviour in Swaziland.

QUESTION 7

Why has the issue of governance assumed special significance in more recent years in Africa in general and Swaziland in particular?

QUESTION 8

Discuss the functions, strengths and limitations of oversight bodies in public administration with reference to Swaziland.