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TITLE OF PAPER: ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISE

COURSE CODE: PA 307

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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

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QUESTION 1

Examine the following approaches to the classification of public enterprises in developing countries:

- a) The intent and purpose approach
- b) The constitutional and legal approach
- c) The structural and organisational approach

QUESTION 2

Outline and discuss the external control mechanisms for holding public enterprises accountable to their owners.

QUESTION 3

"In a structured enterprise improvement programme there are five stages". Discuss.

QUESTION 4

What is public enterprise? Discuss the main reasons that hamper the performance of public enterprise in Africa.

QUESTION 5

Examine the significance of senior management training in public enterprise.

QUESTION 6

What is privatization? What factors have given rise to privatization in Swaziland? Assess the arguments for and against the privatization process in Swaziland.

QUESTION 7

Discuss at least five approaches to privatization and assess their strengths and weaknesses. Illustrate with examples from countries with which you are familiar.

QUESTION 8

What are some of the challenges that are faced by developing countries in their attempts to reform the public enterprise sector and privatize state owned enterprises?