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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES**

**FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2006**

**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**

What is decentralization? Examine the forms of and reasons for decentralization in less developed countries.

**QUESTION 2**

Give an account of the evolution of modern local government in Africa.

**QUESTION 3**

Outline and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of three (3) major local government personnel systems that have been tried in Africa.

**QUESTION 4**

Write an analytical essay on local government training in Africa.

**QUESTION 5**

You have been invited by Manzini City Council to give a talk on the role and functions of the local government budget. Prepare a lecture outlining your views on the subject.

**QUESTION 6**

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

**QUESTION 7**

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

**QUESTION 8**

Discuss the role of Tinkhundla in local development in Swaziland.