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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 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

Define the term decentralization. Examine the various arguments that have been made for decentralizing development planning in less developed countries.

QUESTION 2

Identify and discuss the salient features of local government.

QUESTION 3

Examine critically the prevalent models of local government personnel systems.

QUESTION 4

Largely drawing from R.S. Reddy (1996) outline and discuss the essential characteristics of a local government human resources plan.

QUESTION 5

Explain the functions of a local government budget.

QUESTION 6

Write notes on the following as sources of local government financing:-

- (a) Service charges
- (b) Borrowing

QUESTION 7

Discuss the obstacles to accountability in African local government. What measures would you suggest to enhance the accountability of local government?

QUESTION 8

Outline and discuss the major problems and challenges of local government in Swaziland.