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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE YEAR III
FINAL EXAMINATION 2009**

TITLE OF PAPER: ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

COURSE CODE: PA 307

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4)
QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS

1. Explain the 'Public' and 'Enterprise' concepts and also discuss the term 'public enterprise' (25 Marks).
2. Numerous approaches can be taken to measure the effectiveness of public enterprises. Discuss 'commercial effectiveness', 'financial ratios' and the general limitations of value added calculations as measures of public enterprise effectiveness (25 Marks).
3. Balancing control and autonomy of public enterprises has been a subject of great debate. Discuss any five measures that can be taken to ensure an acceptable balance between control and autonomy of public enterprises (25 Marks).
4. Public enterprises in Africa have generally performed below expectations. Discuss the 'managerial' and 'control and autonomy' problems associated with this poor performance of the enterprises (25 Marks).
5. Define the concept of 'Privatisation' and discuss the following methods of privatising state-owned enterprises:
 - (a) Sales of shares
 - (b) Sales of Assets (25 Marks).
6. Discuss the following reasons for the privatisation of state-owned enterprises:
 - (a) Reduction of the fiscal burden
 - (b) Broadening ownership (25 Marks).