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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: 2009

TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

COURSE CODE: PA 409

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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

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QUESTION 1

Define the terms *governance* and *good governance*. Explain why these concepts have assumed particular significance in contemporary Africa.

QUESTION 2

What is meant by the *rule of law* and *separation of powers*? To what extent are these principles observed in the African countries you know?

QUESTION 3

Analyse the view that a vibrant and articulate civil society as well as freedom of the press are vital elements in the nurturing of a democratic culture in transitional societies.

QUESTION 4

Discuss the following in relation to the requirements for good corporate governance with reference to both the public sector and private sector.

- management of risk
- internal and external audit
- conflict of interest
- ethics
- state regulation as opposed to self-regulation

QUESTION 5

Distinguish between Executive Directors and Non-Executive Directors. Examine the role of the Board of Directors in the private sector and the function of Governing Boards in public enterprises.

QUESTION 6

Assess the functions and effectiveness of oversight bodies established either by Statute or the Constitution with reference to a country or countries of your choice.

QUESTION 7

Examine the objectives and strengths of NEPAD as a strategy for promoting economic development and good governance in Africa.

QUESTION 8

Assess the reforms that have been introduced in Swaziland aimed at bringing about change or improvement in the country's political and constitutional dispensation.