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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2011

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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GRANTED PERMISSION**

QUESTION 1

What is decentralization? Examine the reasons for decentralization within a state.

QUESTION 2

Assess the central-local government relationship with the aid of two analytical models of your choice.

QUESTION 3

Discuss, from an ecological perspective, how local government is shaped by its environment. Illustrate your answer with examples from countries of your own choice.

QUESTION 4

Explain why and how the national government, in most countries, will exercise a degree of control over local government.

QUESTION 5

Examine the role and function of councillors and staff in a typical local authority.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the features, strengths and weaknesses of the following sources of income for local government:

- central grants
- local tax or 'rates'

QUESTION 7

Explain the functions of a local government budget.

QUESTION 8

From a historical perspective, assess the evolution of local government in Swaziland and highlight the factors that influenced the review of decentralization in the country.