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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2013

TITLE OF PAPER : PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

COURSE CODE : PA308

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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1. Discuss the significance of the word 'public' in the definition and meaning of the term 'public policy'.

2. Examine the definition and meaning of the term 'public policy' as formulated by Thomas Dye, including its strengths and weaknesses.

3. Compare and contrast the elite and group approaches to the study of public policy.

4. Examine the principle of the separation of powers and checks and balances between the co-ordinate arms of government. What are the implications of the involvement of public bureaucracy in policy formulation?

5. With particular reference to Swaziland, examine the nature of the political environment and its impact and/or influence on public policy.

6. Define 'accountability', and distinguish it from 'control'. Discuss the reasons why bureaucratic organizations in the African public sector need to be rendered more accountable.

7. Bureaucracy and the bureaucratization phenomenon are not only inevitable but are also indispensable in modern society.
    Discuss.

8. Discuss the following pressures and or forces behind change and comment on their impact on public policy:

    a) Changing Technology; and
    b) Knowledge Explosion.