

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCE), YEAR 4**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2014**

**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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1. What are the main types of decentralization policy that have been introduced in developing countries? Which of these types is more likely to promote democracy? Illustrate your answer with examples.
2. With reference to intergovernmental relations, explain the reasons for central government control over local government and examine the main administrative, legal and other control measures.
3. The influence of traditional forms of leadership has not greatly diminished outside the larger cities in vast areas of West Africa and Southern Africa and in some cases traditional authorities continue to participate actively in modern government structures at local, regional and national levels. Discuss
4. Examine the functions and characteristics of a local government budget.
5. Examine the arguments and principles underpinning fiscal decentralization.
6. Examine why property tax remains the most popular and widely used means for raising income from domestic sources. Assess some of the constraints and shortcomings of property tax.
7. Discuss the features, advantages and disadvantages of central grants as one of the means for financing local government.
8. Examine the decentralization programme that was initiated by the Swaziland government. Comment on the achievements of the programme and the constraints faced during its implementation.