UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCE) YEAR 4

FINAL EXAMINIATION PAPER, MAY 2017

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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QUESTION 1

Discuss the main features of decentralization and explain in greater detail the different models of decentralization.

QUESTION 2

Choose a country that has engaged in a major decentralization programme. For the country that you have chosen (i) Describe the type of decentralization programme that was initiated (ii) Comment on the rationale for decentralization and the challenges that were encountered during the implementation.

QUESTION 3

In the context of Intergovernmental relations (IGR) outline and discuss with examples the reasons for central government control of Local Government and with the aid of a diagram explain the relationships between the different levels of governance.

QUESTION 4

Discuss with examples the key attributes of the Local Economic Development (LED) and explain why LED is important in local government practice.

QUESTION 5

Drawing from your understanding of decentralization and local government outline the rationale for and the essential underpinnings of Fiscal Decentralization.

QUESTION 6

What are the main features of a municipal budget? Discuss with clear examples three sources of revenue for urban local governments in Swaziland. In your answer explain challenges associated with the administration of each of the sources of revenue.

QUESTION 7

Discuss the rationale, structure and functions of the Tinkhundla based system of government. What are some of the challenges associated with this system?

QUESTION 8

What is accountability? Outline and discuss the major problems and challenges faced by African local governments in respect of accountability. What accountability improvement measures would you suggest?