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SUUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY, 2018

TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 406

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER 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.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 2:

The purpose of local government is to provide basic and other municipal related services to the citizens directly in a particular area of jurisdiction. Discuss the various ways in which municipal councils achieve their goals and fulfil their functions.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3:

There is a large degree of synergy and coherence between supporting national governance processes and local governance, as many of the aspects are in fact the same. What are the governance principles that apply at the local levels that are important to strengthen local governance processes.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 4

Municipalities are autonomous entities as described by the Urban Government Act of Number 8 of 1969. However, there are powers conferred to the Minister for Housing that give the minister prerogative over certain areas of municipalities. Discuss.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 5

What are the distinctive characteristics of local government entities and what are some of the challenges they face?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 6

Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Tinkhundla system of government in Swaziland especially in light of the duality of roles they play as agents of development and decentralization.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 7

Discuss the challenges faced by municipalities in mobilizing resources to finance their activities. What are the main sources of municipal income?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 8

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

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