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TITLE OF PAPER: ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ENTREPRISES

COURSE CODE: PAD 204

TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS:**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF FIFTY (50) EACH**

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SECTION 1:

QUESTION 1:

The two concepts 'public' and 'enterprise' in their very nature entail differing and opposing directions. There is a need to make a delicate balance between the two so as not to super-impose the 'public' concept over the 'enterprise' concept or vice-versa but rather to have the two concepts working in harmony. Discuss.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 2:

Discuss the common organizational types of public enterprises in Africa and their characteristics. What is the justification for the establishment of public enterprises in many developing countries.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3:

Public enterprises in developing countries have special problems not faced by their counterparts in developed industrialised countries. Discuss these.

(25 marks)

SECTION 2:

QUESTION 4

Public enterprises are either a creation of the state, or an entity where the state holds the controlling interest. Discuss the different ways through which the government maintains external control on public enterprises.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 5

From the various reasons for privatisation outlined in policy papers, 'reduction of fiscal burden' and 'broadening ownership' are the most prevalent. Define privatization, the different methods of privatisation and the reasons why many developing countries have privatised public enterprises.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 6

For privatisation to be successful, political leadership at the highest levels must demonstrate commitment to the process, and strong institutions and well-prepared programmes must be established and legal constraints removed. However, there are common challenges inherent to the privatisation of public enterprises in the African context. Discuss these challenges.

(25 marks)