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SUUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY, 2019

TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 406

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 1 AND ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION 2:**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH**

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SECTION 1:

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:

Discuss some of the issues that need to be taken into account to ensure that local government entities are engaged in good governance practices.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 4

Municipalities are autonomous entities as described by the Urban Government Act 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)

SECTION 2:

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 ESwatini especially in light of the duality of roles they play as agents of development and decentralization.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 7

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

(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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