COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, PEACE, LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

NPPG 500: INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **five** questions.

2. Answer **three** questions.

3. Answer question **1** in section A and any other **2** questions from section B.

4. Start each question on a new page.

SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

1. As a public policy specialist, you have been engaged by a newly established Ministry of Mines to assist it in developing a policy to address illegal mining that has caused serious land, water and air pollution across the country. The Ministry is not aware of the critical steps to follow in addressing this issue. With references to a policy cycle you are familiar with, advise the Ministry. Use illustrative examples to substantiate your claim. **[40 marks]**

SECTION B

2. Using illustrative examples from any policy field of your choice, discuss any **three** theories of public policy that you are familiar with and demonstrate their usefulness in the understanding of public policy dynamics. **[30 marks]**

3. Policy over-design and under-design are the major factors undermining the effectiveness of many a public policy in Africa. Using knowledge gained from this course, outline and discuss the key factors that policy makers should consider to minimise or avoid policy over and under-design. **[30 marks]**

4. With the aid of illustrative examples, define agenda setting and highlight the stages that a problem undergoes up to a point where it gains the attention of the decision-makers. In addition, discuss any **three** strategies that the opponents of a particular issue use to block an issue from getting into the decision agenda. **[30 marks]**

5. With reference to a policy field of your choice:
   a. Define policy instruments. **[5 marks]**
   b. Demonstrate how the following policy instrument were/are applied in addressing a public problem. What do you think can be done to enhance the effectiveness of these instruments? **[25 marks]**

END OF EXAMINATION