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NPPG 501: 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. The City of Mutare, a local authority in Zimbabwe, has been complaining about residents who are reluctant to pay rates and other bills. According to the Mayor of the City of Mutare, the council is now struggling to provide basic services because of the decreasing revenue base. As a public policy analyst, outline and discuss the main steps that you can take in developing an appropriate policy intervention to address the highlighted problem **[40 marks]**

SECTION B

2. The world of public policy has changed significantly and continues to change. Consequently, the current public policy challenges cannot be resolved using old and traditional methods. Against this background, outline and discuss the critical skills that modern day public policy analysts require to address public policy problems in the 21st Century. **[30 marks]**
3. Answer the following questions
 - a. Define wicked problems. **[5 marks]**
 - b. With the aid of illustrative examples from any policy field of your choice, critically discuss any **five** distinguishing properties of 'wicked problems' **[15 marks]**
 - c. Briefly discuss any **three** strategies that can be applied in addressing wicked problems **[10 marks]**
4. With the aid of empirical examples from a policy field of your choice, define policy paradigm and demonstrate how the analytical concept helps in understanding policy continuities and policy changes. **[30 marks]**
5. With reference to any public policy of your choice, critically examine the challenges compromising its implementation and proffer recommendations to overcome those challenges **[30 marks]**

END OF EXAMINATION
