



**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, PEACE, LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE**

**NPSM522: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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**TIME: 3 HOURS**

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## **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 concept of local government has always been defended on the basis that it is a crucial aspect of the process of democratisation and intensification of mass participation in the decision-making process. It is furthermore argued that no political system is considered to be complete and democratic if it does not have a system of local government'. As a local government specialist, how would you respond to the above assertion? What practical and situational challenges are associated with local government in this regard? Anchor your response on the various forms of local government that you have learned in this course. **[40 marks]**

## **SECTION B**

Answer any two questions

2. 'The African Charter on the values and principles of decentralisation, local government and local development is a meaningless façade in addressing contemporary local governance issues. Discuss this assertion using experiences of, at least, two African countries of your choice. **[30 marks]**
3. 'Political decentralisation, which is manifested in the degree and types of political autonomy and accountability ... is a situation where local people in the districts and regions elect their own legislative and executive personnel so that those units will be able to hire, pay and dismiss administrative personnel without reference to central authority....'. Using practical examples in Africa, comment on the above assertion. **[30 marks]**
4. Examine the centrality of collaborative and cooperative governance in strengthening Zimbabwe's local governance system. **[30 marks]**
5. Discuss the utility of the various sources of local governance finance in Africa. **[30 marks]**

**END OF EXAMINATION**

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