



"Investing in Africa's Future"

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
PSM522 DECENTRALIZATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE
END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **FOUR** (4) questions.

The marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question.

Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentations. Show all working.



1. Explain the concept of decentralization clearly making a distinction between the following:
 - a. De-concentration
 - b. Devolution
 - c. Administrative decentralization
 - d. Fiscal decentralization
 - e. Democratic decentralization
 - f. Privatisation
 - g. Deregulation

[25 marks]
2. There are a number of arguments why governments should decentralize. Outline the main reasons including endogenous and exogenous reasons why governments should decentralize. Discuss the main principles of decentralization and explain the two main paces of decentralization **[25 marks]**
3. Discuss the role of party politics in local governance clearing explaining the role of elected councilors. Explain why there is general voter apathy and lack of interest in voting for local councils? **[25 marks]**
4. Despite the growth of party politics in local governance, there are considerable differences in the way in which political parties operate in different areas. Discuss the three models which political parties can take in local governance. **[25 marks]**
5. Discuss the three models of local/central relationships viz. (a) The local autonomy model (b) the mixed accountability model (c) the agency model. Outline is the role of council committees and their organization. **[25 marks]**
6. The relationship between local and central government is critical to the efficient functioning of the local authorities and this relationship has often been characterized by tension and conflict. Explain the main sources of conflict between central and local government. What are the main controls used by Central government to monitor the activities of local authorities. **[25 marks]**
7. Discuss the main reasons for decentralization and explain the main challenges faced by many countries in their quest for decentralization. Discuss the three main forms of administrative decentralization. **[25 marks]**
8. According to Pretty et al (1995), participation comes in different forms which they prefer to call typologies. Define public participation and discuss the different forms of public participation and the eight levels of participation in local governance. Outline the main strategies that can be used to increase public participation in governance issues **[25 marks]**

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