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CS PART III SECTION 6

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

FRIDAY: 27 May 2016.

Time Allowed: 3 hours.

Answer ALL questions. Marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Critically examine the key characteristics of Max Weber's bureaucratic theory. (8 marks)
- (b) With reference to the constitution of your country, discuss the functions and powers of the Public Service Commission. (8 marks)
- (c) A government must exercise the powers conferred on it in good faith, fairly and for the purpose for which the powers were conferred without exceeding the limits of such powers.

With reference to the above statement, explain four reasons why a government should promote the rule of law.

(4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Analyse the role of external and internal power in policy making process. (4 marks)
- (b) Discuss six strategies of public policy reviews. (6 marks)
- (c) Identify six advantages of e-procurement in the public sector. (6 marks)
- (d) In the context of the law governing county governments in your country, summarise the duties of the county secretary. (4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) "Although invented to transform public infrastructure with the help of private enterprises, public-private partnership is not immune from limitations".

With reference to the above statement, explain four limitations of public-private partnerships.

(4 marks)

- (b) Discuss eight salient features of development administration. (8 marks)
- (c) Examine eight characteristics of good governance in public administration. (8 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Explain eight ways in which parliament exercises control over the executive in your country. (8 marks)
- (b) Discuss four harmful effects of corruption on public administration. (4 marks)
- (c) Financial administration is one of the most important aspects of public administration involving the machinery and method by which funds required for public service are raised, spent and accounted for and is at the very core of a modern government.

With reference to the above statement, examine four purposes of a budget.

(4 marks)

- (d) Describe four features of traditional public administration. (4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Explain six functions of the Public Accounts Committee in your country. (6 marks)
- (b) Devolved governments play an important role in democracy. Their effective functioning delivers good governance at the local level.

With reference to the above statement, evaluate four advantages of devolved governments. (4 marks)
- (c) Discuss six roles of public administration in a modern state. (6 marks)
- (d) With reference to agenda setting in the policy making process, distinguish between “institutional agenda” and “non-institutional agenda”. (4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

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