



CS PART III SECTION 6

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

FRIDAY: 1 December 2017.

Time Allowed: 3 hours.

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

QUESTION ONE

- (a) - Summarise five characteristics of public policy. (5 marks)
- (b) Interest groups look forward to influence political processes in ways that benefit their members.
With reference to the above statement, explain five benefits enjoyed by the public from interest groups. (5 marks)
- (c) In the context of the law and regulations governing county governments in your country:
- (i) Explain the legal provisions governing the appointment of a county secretary. (3 marks)
- (ii) Discuss the roles of the county executive committee in urban planning. (4 marks)
- (d) With regards to taxpayers, identify three disadvantages of government owned enterprises. (3 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Public procurement as an activity of the government is highly vulnerable to corruption and fraud.
With reference to the above statement, suggest eight measures that could be undertaken to prevent corruption and fraud in public procurement in your country. (8 marks)
- (b) Examine six objectives of introducing performance contracting in the public service in your country. (6 marks)
- (c) Discuss six reasons for public policy failures in developing countries. (6 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Examine four features of the "New Public Administration" which emerged in the 1960's. (4 marks)
- (b) Evaluate six roles of voluntary organisations in public administration. (6 marks)
- (c) Explain five characteristics of a devolved government. (5 marks)
- (d) Discuss five benefits of good governance to a country. (5 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Describe four factors that could influence the formulation of public policies in a country. (4 marks)
- (b) Explain four functions of public service in a developing country. (4 marks)
- (c) Identify six challenges that public administration is facing in modern times. (6 marks)
- (d) Discuss six strategies that could be adopted to ensure promotion of ethical values and integrity in the public service. (6 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

(a) With reference to policy and resource allocation:

(i) Describe four features of the traditional line-item budget. (4 marks)

(ii) Explain four advantages of program budgets in the public sector. (4 marks)

(b) Examine four types of public private partnership arrangements in your country. (4 marks)

(c) Summarise four merits and four demerits of decentralised public administration. (8 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

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