

Uganda Martyrs University
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Department of Development Studies
Master of Arts in Development Studies (Distance Learning)
Year II, 2015/2016 Final Assessment
Module 6: Public Policy and Administration
Monday, 27th June 2016
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Instructions

1. Read each question carefully before answering.
 2. **Answer three questions only.**
 3. **All questions carry equal marks.**
 4. Do not write anything on the question paper.
 5. Examination regulations are written on the back of the answer booklet.
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- 1) What are the implications of the definition of Public Policy? (10 Marks)
 - b) What questions are usually asked after a public problem has been defined. (10 Marks)
 - c) "Though problems persist their definitions may change over time". With examples explain the reasoning behind this statement. (13 Marks)
2. a) What do you understand by the term "decision making" in public policy. (6 Marks)
 - b) Explain the qualities of a good policy instrument/tool. (8 Marks)
 - c) Explain any two theories of decision making in public policy. (20 Marks)
3. African countries have been "applauded" for successful policy implementation. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain your answer. (33 Marks)

4. Evaluate any policy/programme that you are familiar with. (33 Marks)
5. a) What do you understand by a "Public Budget"? (5 Marks)
- b) Why do countries budget? (18 Marks)
- c) What problems may be encountered during the budgetary process? (10 Marks)
6. Some scholars are advocating for a shift from the "Traditional Public Administration" to the "New Public Management". As a student of Public Policy and Administration explain the reasoning behind this advocacy. (33 Marks)