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END OF SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATION

PAM 1101: INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Date: Wednesday, 13th November, 2023

Time: 2:00pm-5:00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Read the instructions very carefully.
- 2. Answer four questions in all; One from section A and any other three from section B
- 3. Question 1 is compulsory and carries 40 Marks, and all other questions carry 60 Marks.
- 4. Each answer must start on a new page.
- 5. Write clearly and neatly. Unreadable work attracts loss of marks.

Section A

Question one

The nature and scope of Public Administration is explained in two views i.e., the managerial and integral views. Based on the two views above:

- a) Using the integral view and managerial views, explain in details the nature of Public Administration. (10 Marks)
- b) Using integral and managerial views, describe in detail the scope of Public Administration.
 (10 Marks)
- c) Using clear examples from your own country, explain the characteristics of Public Administration. (10 Marks)
- d) Using a managerial view of public administration, explain in details what each function of management entails. (10 Marks)

Question two

Imagine you are invited to a conference to represent the Uganda Martyrs University Students Association of Public Administration and Management to present a paper on the stressing features of Public Administration in developing countries in Berlin, Germany. Based on this invitation:

- a) Using clear examples particularly in your country, explain any five (05) stresses in public administration in the developing countries.
- b) With clear and relevant examples, suggest any five ways which your country would put in place to counterweigh the challenges that you mentioned in (2a) above. (10 Marks)

Question three

- a) Explain the core assumptions of politics-administration dichotomy as put forward by Woodrow Wilson before 1920.

 (05 Marks)
- b) Using experience and examples from your country, account for the reasons for or against the separation of politics from public administration. (05 Marks)
- a) Using relevant examples, account for the reasons as to why in 1920 many of the public administration scholars, including F.W. Riggs and Paul H. Apple, abandoned the dogma of the politics-administration dichotomy. (10 Marks)

Question four

- b) Explain Herbert Simon's theory of rational decision making. (08 Marks)
- Using examples, discuss the circumstances in an organisation in which you would consider to apply the rational decision-making theory.
 (12 Marks)

Question five

- a) Explain the term public administration. (05 Marks)
- b) Using relevant examples, explain the importance of Public Administration. (15 Marks)

Question six

Imagine the Multi-party Consortium of Uganda has invited you to deliver a key note address on "Good Governance in Uganda." Based on this scenario:

- a) Explain in detail any five (05) elements of Good Governance that Uganda should adhere to in order to be a good governed country. (10 Marks)
- b) Suggest any five mechanisms through the Government of Uganda can foster good governance. (10 Marks)

Question seven

a) Define the concept government.

(02 Marks)

b) Identify and explain in detail the types of government.

(05 Marks)

- c) While referring to one of the types of government of your choice in (7b) in the above, explain any five reasons as to why the type of government that you have chosen is very important in the context of delivery of public services over the others. (05 Marks)
- d) Using relevant examples, discuss the functions of the Government of Uganda and its institutions in the context of public administration. (08 Marks)

Good luck