# Uganda Charcyrs University

## School of Arts and Social Sciences

#### Department of Development Studies

### Master of Arts in Development Studies (Distance Learning)

Year I1, 2015/2016 Final Assessment

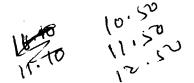
Module 6: Public Policy and Administration

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.
- 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)