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SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES  
MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

**MPA 740/840 Theories and Practice of Public Administration  
Time Allowed: 2hrs**

**Instruction: Attempt any three questions of your choice. Each question carries 23.3 marks. Present your answer legibly and logically using relevant examples.**

1. (a) Enumerate 5 characteristics of Public Administration.  
(b) Discuss the view that sees public administration as getting the work of government done.
2. State and explain the reasons for the growing importance of public administration from the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
3. (a) "Public administration and private administration are two sides of the same coin". Discuss.  
(b) Explain the political and legal approaches to public administration.
4. (a) "Scientific management views productivity as the major goal of an organization". Discuss four underlying principles of Scientific management.  
(b) List five aims of scientific management.
5. Write short notes on:
  - a. The Hawthorne Experience/ studies
  - b. Characteristics of an Open system
  - c. Management by objectives