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FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES  
JANUARY 2018 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**

**COURSE CODE: MPA856**

**CREDIT UNIT: 2**

**COURSE TITLE: URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours**

- INSTRUCTIONS:** 1. Attempt question number one (1) and any other (2) questions.  
2. Question number 1 carries 30 marks, while the other questions carry 20 marks each.  
3. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner.

**QUESTION 1**

The task of administration in cities and municipalities lies in tackling the burdens of ever increasing needs for local services as well as the rapid developments in the urban areas. Enumerate and discuss these local services and the factors responsible for this varied change in the nature of municipal functions. **30Marks**

**QUESTION 2**

Local Government in Nigeria is fraught with challenges of governance. Enumerate and discuss some of the challenges and propose solutions to them. **20Marks**

**QUESTION 3**

3a. Distinguish between a state and a nation, outlining the characteristics of each. **10Marks**

3b. The Nigerian state of today is a creation of British imperialism. Discuss. **10Marks**

**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of rural-urban migration to the rural areas. **20Marks**

#### **QUESTION 5**

In the evolution of the role of management in municipalities, there are certain managerial problems and issues to be addressed. Explain these managerial problems and the issues to be addressed. **20Marks**