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**MPA 751/851 INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS**

INSTRUCTION(S): (i) Attempt any three (3) questions of your choice.  
(ii) Each question carry equal marks.  
(iii) Present your answer legibly and logically using relevant examples

1a) "Public Administration may be considered both a field of action and a field of study". Illuminate this statement.  
1b) Discuss fully the approaches to the study of Public administration.

2a) "Local authorities are "corporations with perpetual succession." What sense does this statement make to you?  
2b) In what ways does the centre control the local government in Nigeria?

3a) Who is an international civil servant?  
3b) Describe succinctly the nature of Public Administration Systems.  
3c) Outline and briefly comment on the modern classification of political systems.

4a) "An important step that rarely appears on organization chart describes authority responsibility relationships between the persons doing these jobs". Use this statement to explain your organisation view of authority relationship.

4b) How do you understand the term departmentalisation? Identify and describes the basis for departmentalisation in your organisation.

5a) "The characteristics of the Nigerian civil service are modelled after that of Britain". Amplify this statement.  
5b) Why was Max Weber's bureaucracy criticised?

