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**COURSE CODE: MPA 855**

**CREDIT UNIT: 2**

**COURSE TITLE: DECENTRALIZATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HRS**

Instructions:

1. Attempt question number one (1) and any other two (2).
2. Question number 1 is compulsory and carries 30 marks while the other 2 carry 20 marks each.
3. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner.

Question 1:

Define the "term" decentralization.

"The concept of decentralization has several uses in the public service of developing countries, when employed in the context of public administrative system". Clarify this conceptual analysis. State the ideology behind the adoption of a decentralized form of administration in Nigeria.

30 marks

Question 2:

Deconcentration is a form of decentralization, how true is this assertion.

What are the basic features of deconcentration? And why is it necessary in dynamic democratic societies?

20  
marks

Question 3

Privatization is an economic exercise, what is the rationale behind its institution and how justifiable are these rational in view of the collapsing world economy.

20 marks

Question 4:

Define the term LOCAL GOVERNMENT, what are the problems confronting local councils in Nigeria and as a public administrator, what solutions do you proffer for its solutions.

20  
marks

Question 5:

What do you understand by the term 'intergovernmental relations'? What constitutes its composition? Why is it a necessary tool in dynamic democracies?

20 marks