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MPA 855 Decentralization and Intergovernmental relations
TIME ALLOWED: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: Attempt any 3 Questions of your choice. Each Question carries 23.3 marks. Present your answer legibly and logically using relevant examples.

- 1a. Define 'decentralization'.
 - b. "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.
 - c. What are the basic features of decentralization.
 - d. Why do some government officials frown against the concept of decentralization and some accept it.
2. Deconcentration is a form of decentralization, how true is this assertion. What are the basic features of deconcentration. Why is it necessary in dynamic democratic societies?
3. "Privatization is an economic exercise", What is the rationale behind its institution?
How justifiable are these rational in view of the collapsing world economy.
4. How did local government evolve in Nigeria?
Itemize and explain the process of making bye-laws in Nigerian local councils.

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