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SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code:** MPA 870 **Credit Units:** 3  
**Course Title:** Local Government Administration  
**Time Allowed:** 2<sup>1/2</sup> Hours.  
**Instructions:** 1. Attempt question number one (1) and any other three (3).  
marks each.  
2. Question number 1 is compulsory and carries 25 while the other 3 questions carry 15 marks  
3. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner.

**1a. Enumerate the main characteristics of local governments (10 marks).**

**1b. Provide the reasons for the needs of local governments (15 marks)  
(25 marks).**

**2a. What is Decentralization? (5 marks).**

**2b. Enumerate the objectives of decentralization (10 marks). (15 marks).**

**3. Write short note on the following:**

**Property tax**

**User charges**

**Grants (15 marks).**

**4. Discuss the Procedure for Preparing Annual Estimates of Local Government in Nigeria (15 marks).**

**5. What is Intergovernmental Relations? (8 marks)**

**Differentiate between the Exclusive list, Concurrent list and the Residual list (7 marks)**

**(15**

**marks).**

**6. List specific ways the Ministry of Local Government can assist the local government system**

**(15 marks)**

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