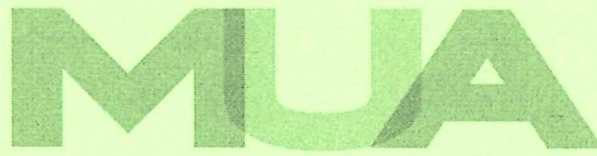


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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

BDS 316 : LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 31ST JULY 2024

DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
5. Answer any other **THREE** questions.
6. Question **ONE** carries **25 MARKS** and the rest carry **15 MARKS** each.
7. Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided.

QUESTION ONE

Read the Case Study below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

INTRODUCTION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Local government growth management efforts are quite numerous. The 'helping hand' function of the local government function was shaped by transforming the criteria of evaluation towards the local government officials. Competition disciplined local government agencies to promote and secure better ownership arrangements. The decentralization of central government allowed for the alignment of local government interests with local business, and local government was turned into the 'helping hands' of local business. Local governments and firm managers were given increasing autonomy over decision-making. Local government was actively involved in supporting local firms - regardless of their ownership - within its jurisdiction as long as the firms constituted the primary source of revenues for local government.

This transformation of the role of government enabled firms to make decisions more freely with profit-making motives. It addresses the processes of social, cultural, ecological, economic and political change, and also the people, organisations, practices, and knowledges that engage in these development-related processes. Local government and development studies are interdisciplinary fields of study that focus on the policies, politics, and administration of local government and the economic, social, and physical development of communities. These fields often examine issues such as urban planning, community development, public service provision, and the relationship between local government and other levels of government, as well as the private sector and civil society. Despite strong scholarly interest in the topic of fiscal stress, little attention has been paid to understanding how the general public thinks local governments should respond to situations where declining revenues endanger service levels. Local Government is an authority to determine and execute measures within a restricted area inside and smaller than a whole state. In some Countries there exists decentralisation of powers, Central, State and Local bodies, the basic idea behind is that there are some problems and issues

which are best settle at local level. Some degree of local government characterizes every country in the world, although the degree is extremely significant.

Local government is responsible for a range of vital services for people and businesses in defined areas. Among them are well known functions such as social care, schools, housing and planning and waste collection, but also lesser-known ones such as licensing, business support, registrar services and pest control. Development Studies is an interdisciplinary field of research and teaching that takes 'development' as its central concern. It addresses the processes of social, cultural, ecological, economic and political change, and also the people, organisations, practices, and knowledges that engage in these development-related processes.

Required:

- a) Describe the idea of local government and development studies. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Evaluate the structure of local Government. **(6 Marks)**
- c) Expound on the field of development studies in today's societies. **(9 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Describe the membership of Count Assembly Service Board and the roles played by each member. **(9 Marks)**
- b) Examine how public private partnership involvement can influence the development of local government. **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Monitoring of local community's development project is paramount. Describe five criteria of monitoring and evaluation used by project expert. **(10 Marks)**
- b) A city or municipal plans shall be the instrument for development facilitation and development control within the respective city or municipality. Analyze five issues to be included in the city or municipal plan. **(5 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain the rationale behind the need for global ethics in the local government. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Examine the role played by citizens in ethical local governance? **(5 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) A number of arguments have been advanced to support decentralization. Discuss any three of the arguments in support of decentralization. **(9 Marks)**
- b) Analyze three challenges faced by Local Authority Service Delivery Action Plans process. **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION SIX

- a) Expound on Article 204 of the Kenyan Constitution. **(6 Marks)**
- b) Assess three approaches to development planning that have been developed in recent years in Sub-Saharan Africa. **(9 Marks)**