

BOTSWANA COLLEGE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING
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Commonwealth Executive Masters in Public Administration

CONTEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS

CA321

SPECIAL EXAMINATION

Marks: 100

Time allowed: 3 hours

Instructions

1. This paper comprises of 2 Part. Answer **ALL** questions in this paper.
2. Answer questions according to instructions given in each section
3. Write answers in the answer booklet provided
4. Answer **ALL** questions, in grammatical **English**.

Part one short answer questions**[40 marks]**

1. Is it desirable to apply private sector management principles to the public sector? Explain with aid of examples. **(10 marks)**
2. a) What is meant by ethics? **(3 marks)**
 b) Why are values and ethics important in public administration? **(7 marks)**
3. Describe the different ways in which public servants can be held accountable and outline the strengths and weaknesses of each approach. **(10 marks)**
4. What are the chief objectives of a budget, and how does the budget achieve these? **(10 marks)**
5. Outline the role of the legislature in providing budgetary oversight. **(10 marks)**
6. Discuss the main features of a bureaucratic organisation according to Max Weber. **(10 marks)**

Part two: Essay questions**[60 marks]**

There are five questions in this section. Answer any THREE of the following FOUR questions.

1. Examine the evolving nature of public administration; show the difference between traditional public administration and the new public management (NPM) as well as its impact on the business of government. **(20 marks)**
2. What is meant by good governance? Explain with the aid of examples the role of the media in promoting good governance. **(20 marks)**
3. Can the modernisation of the institutions and economies of the developing countries occur without a “strong leader”? Discuss with the aid of examples. **(20 marks)**
4. What is meant by the doctrine of separation of powers. To what extent are the three arms of government separate and independent from one another in your country? Discuss with the aid of examples. **(20 marks)**
5. What is meant by globalisation? Examine the challenges and opportunities of globalisation for developing countries. **(20 marks)**