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Commonwealth Executive Masters in Public Administration

PUBLIC POLICY

PP321

SPECIAL EXAMINATION

Marks: 100

Time allowed: 3 hours

Instructions for candidates

1. This paper comprises of One Part. Answer **only four** 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.**

Specific Instructions for Essay Writing

- The ideal essay will have an **introduction** which outlines everything that is going to be discussed in the essay. It will also have some **sub-headings** of the issues that are going to be discussed. A discussion which has explanations and examples will give the students more marks. At the end, the essay must have a **conclusion**, which summarizes the issues that were discussed in the essay.

- In this regard, marks will be allocated in the following manner for each essay: **2 marks** will go for a good introduction; and another **2 marks** will go for a good conclusion. **16 marks** will go for the logical presentation and discussion of the issues. And lastly **5 marks** will go for overall logical presentation. There is no right or wrong answer; students are required to show their analytical skills.

Question 1   **(25 marks)**

Choose one pillar of Botswana's *Vision 2016* and discuss its successes and challenges. As Botswana celebrates its 50th anniversary, do you think the vision has been realized? Provide recommendations for moving forward.

Question 2   **(25 marks)**

There are many actors/stakeholders in public policy making. By using the case of your country, explain with the aid of relevant examples the role and limitations of ministers and civil servants in the formulation of public policy.

Question 3   **(25 marks)**

The rational model of public policy making, though heavily criticised, is the most widely used model. Discuss with the aid of examples why this is so.

Question 4   **(25 marks)**

What is public policy? Illustrate with relevant examples how much you feel the ruling party in your country controls or influences public policies.

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Question 5   **(25 marks)**

Using a public policy of your choice, show how it was formulated; how it was implemented, as well as how it was monitored and evaluated. Illustrating with relevant examples what were the main challenges associated with this policy.

Question 6   **(25 marks)**

In what way does elite theory help you to understand public policy? Critically analyze with the aid of relevant examples the extent to which public policy reflect the interests of elites in your country?