

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA



Addressing gender disparity and fostering equity in University Education

FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE SCIENCES

MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

MAIN PAPER

MPA 122: CONSTITUTIONALISM AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA

INTAKE 2: FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

DATE: 2020 TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Answer **Question 1** and any other **one** question.
2. All questions carry equal marks.

Question 1

Accountability has two facets, somewhat separate but interrelated. The first one is basically political and in a parliamentary system of government the executive is kept under an obligation to give an account of its performance to parliament, and the latter has many devices and instrumentalities to this end; the second facet is primarily administrative and executive, and in its turn holds the administrators in departments and other public agencies accountable for how they carry out their responsibilities. These two are complementary and they together constitute the foundation of a responsible government.

Source; Goel S. L(2007) Good governance An Integrated Approach, Deep and Deep Publications, New Dehli.

- a) With the aid of practical examples discuss the two accountability relationships cited in the case study; and [20]
- b) How should a politically neutral, professional, accountable and efficient public service work in the context of the above relationship? [20]

Question 2

Discuss how a government's authority is determined by the constitution. [20]

Question 3

Analyse the view that 'the solution to tyranny in Africa is to have a separation of powers framework of government'. [20]

Question 4

Analyse why national unity, peace and stability are key ingredients of any governance programme. [20]

Question 5

Analyse why corruption had undermined Africa's nation building efforts. [20]

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