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**FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**  
**2020\_1 EXAMINATION**

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**Course Code: PAD870**

**Credit Unit: 2**

**Course Title: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**Time Allowed: 2<sup>1/2</sup> HOURS**

**Instructions:**

- 1. Attempt Question 1 and any other two (2) Questions.**
  - 2. Question 1 is compulsory and carries 30marks while the other 2 Questions carry 20marks each.**
  - 3. Present all your points in a coherent and orderly manner.**
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**1a. Give a concise definition of Local Government?**

**1b. “Local self-government is and must be the basis of any true system of democracy” explain this statement in relation to the importance of local government. 30marks**

**2. Identify and explain five (5) rationale for the creation of local Government. 20marks**

**3. Explain the extent to which “Devolution” is considered the most extreme form of decentralization. 20marks**

**4. Advance at least five (5) possible solution to the unending challenges of the Local Government in Nigeria. 20marks**

**5. Outline at least five (5) changes introduced by the 1976 Local Government reforms in Nigeria.**

**20marks**