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2019_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: MPA870

CREDIT UNIT: 2

COURSE TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Attempt Question One (1) and any other two (2) questions**
 - 2. Question 1 carries 30 marks, while the other questions carry 20 marks each**
 - 3. Present all points in coherent and orderly manner**
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1a. Local government has been defined in various ways by different scholars, state two (2) of these definitions. **10 marks**

b. All over the world, local governments have been assigned some functions under the law, explain five (5) of these functions **10 marks**

c. Explain the rationales for the creation of local governments as stated in the 1976 National Guidelines for Local Government Reforms. **10 marks**

2. List and discuss the importance of Local Government in Nigeria. **20 marks**

3. Outline and explain five (5) characteristics of Local Governments. **20 marks**

4. What are the merits and demerits of decentralization in Local Government system of government? **20 marks**

5. List and explain ten (10) problems of Local Government in Nigeria and proffer solutions for them. **20 marks**