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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS.**

Course Code: PAD 870

Course Title: Local Government Administration

Credit Unit: 2

Instructions: 1. Indicate your Matriculation Number clearly

2. Answer Three (3) questions in all. Question 1 is compulsory and carries 30 marks

3. The other Two questions carry 20 marks each

4. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Q1a Define local government 5 marks

Q1b State Four (4) reasons for the adoption of Centralization? 10 marks

Q1c State Five (5) characteristics of Local Government 5 marks

Q1d State Five (5) Reasons why Local Government is needed. 10 marks

Q2 Describe Five (5) Functions of Local Government 20 marks

Q3 Explain the following Theories of Local Government: Democratic/ Participatory Theory
Accountability Theory, Efficiency School, and Development School 20 marks

Q4a Explain what you understand by Decentralization 5 marks

Q4b Discuss the following Three (3) types of decentralization:

1. Devolution 5 marks

2. Deconcentration 5 marks

3. Delegation. 5 marks

Total 15 marks