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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SPO 453: ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

Date: JULY 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) The study on the *administration of public enterprises* is important today more than ever. Discuss and justify this claim with at least three points. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss at least four characteristic features of a public enterprise. (8 marks)
- c) Explain any four objectives of public enterprises. (8 marks)
- d) With the aid of concrete examples, discuss any four functional classifications of public enterprises. (8 marks)
- Q2. The administration and performance of the public enterprises in different economies especially in developing countries is claimed to be at crossroad.
- a) Do you agree or disagree with this claim? With relevant examples, explain your position while pointing out at least four points to support your argument. (12 marks)
- b) Assuming the claim is true, discuss what could be at least four remedies to the challenges faced by the administration of public enterprises. (8 marks)

- Q3. a) Departmental organizations/enterprises constitute one form of public enterprises. Describe any three *features, advantages* and *disadvantages* of departmental enterprises. **(12 marks)**
- b) With at least one concrete example differentiate Public Corporations from Government Company. **(8 marks)**
- Q4. a) Explain the reasons why some of the public enterprises operate under losses in most instances. **(10marks)**
- a) Suggest various policies that can be used by the government to change the trend. **(10marks)**
- Q5. Privatization is one of the major policies in the world for improving the ill-health of national economies with regard to the management and administration of public enterprises. Discuss this assertion clearly explaining the meaning of privations, at least objectives and four social-economic impacts of the privatization. **(20 marks)**

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