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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SPO 353: PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

Date: DECEMBER 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Questions ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. (a) Policy implementation is the enactment of a chosen policy. Define the meaning of policy implementation and discuss, the actors involved, the core elements of the ideal processes and the three distinct approaches to policy implementation. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Policy-making is supposed to contribute to problem solving or at least to the reduction of the problem load. During the evaluation stage of the policy cycle, these intended outcomes of policies move into the center of attention. Discuss and state the importance of evaluation in each stage of the policy cycle. **(10 marks)**
- (c) The fundamental tasks of an effective public policy is to carry out the realization of certain goals and projects in public arena but sometimes public policymaking faces certain constraints. List and discuss in detail the various constraints to public policymaking. **(10 marks)**
- Q2. Write critical notes on the following theoretical and conceptual approaches to policy analysis:
- a) Mixed Scanning Model **(4marks)**
 - b) Game Theory **(4marks)**
 - c) Group Model **(4marks)**

- d) Advocacy Coalitions **(4marks)**
- e) Global Policy Networks **(4marks)**

- Q3. (a) Discuss the role of bureaucracy and the functions of institutions in policy formulation and implementation. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Demonstrate and discuss how policy analysis facilitates a choice among alternatives. **(10 marks)**

Q4. Explain the meaning of the following terms in policy analysis

- a) Policy Regime **(5 marks)**
- a) Policy Community **(5 marks)**
- b) Issue framing **(5 marks)**
- a) Policy Entrepreneurs **(5 marks)**

- Q5. Policy analysis emerged to both better understand the policymaking process and to supply policy decision makers with reliable policy-relevant knowledge about pressing economic and social problems. Discuss the five tools used in public policy analysis. **(20marks)**

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