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MAIN EXAMINATION

JANUARY – APRIL 2019 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

**SDS 402 / SPO 353: POLICY FORMULATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION**

Date: APRIL 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

- Q1. a) With the help of relevant examples, discuss the meaning of the term 'public policy'. **(4 Marks)**
- b) While pointing concrete examples, distinguish between:
- i) Distributive and Redistributive policies. **(6 Marks)**
 - ii) Regulatory and Constituent policies. **(6 Marks)**
- c) State any four objectives of public policy. **(6Marks)**
- d) Discuss at least four key features of public policy. **(8 Marks)**
- Q2. a) Public policy-making and implementation do not take place in a vacuum, but occur within the framework of an economic and political environment. Discuss how these contextual elements influence policy formulation and implementation. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Compare and contrast the elite and group approaches to the public policy formulation. **(10 Marks)**
- Q3. a) According to Elizabeth Dole, "The best public policy is made when you are listening to people who are going to be impacted." Discuss. **(10 Marks)**

- b) With the help of an illustration, discuss the six stages of the policy cycle process. **(10 Marks)**
- Q4. a) Among different modes or styles of policy formulation are: incremental mode, importation mode and ad hoc mode. Write short notes on each of the three modes. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Discuss how the following environmental pressures and/or forces impact the policy process:
- a) Changing Technology. **(5 Marks)**
- b) Knowledge Explosion. **(5 Marks)**
- Q5. a) The role of Non-Governmental Organizations in the public policy process especially in the developing economies should not be underestimated. Discuss this claim while pointing out at least five ways through which NGOs contribute to the formulation and implementation of public policy. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Identify any current social issue or problem. Suggest any three items/articles that may be included in a national social policy to regulate/address the issue or problem you have identified. **(10Marks)**

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