



**REFORMED CHURCH UNIVERSITY**

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**FACULTY OF COMMERCE**

**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE HONOURS DEGREE IN  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**LOCAL AND CENTRAL GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS**

**HPAD 122**

**PART 1 SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATION**

**TOTAL MARKS [100]**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 2023**

**Time: 3 Hours**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This paper has *six (6)* questions
2. Answer question *one (1)* and *any* other *three (3)*
3. Each question carries *25 marks*
4. Start each question on a new page

1. Justify the relevance of the Prime Minister's directives of the 1980s to local government development in Zimbabwe. (25 Marks)
2. (i) Explain the meaning of local governance. (10 Marks)  
(ii) Assess the challenges facing local governance in Zimbabwe. (15 Marks)
3. (i) Examine the meaning of 'good governance' in local government administration. (10 Marks)  
(ii) With the aid of relevant examples, explain why observing 'good governance' might be so important in the management Beitbridge Municipality's affairs? (15 Marks)
4. With reference to specific examples, discuss the benefits of 'beneficiary participation' in the management of local government affairs. (25 Marks)
5. (i) Examine any 5 (five) sources of local governance financing in Zimbabwe. ( 8 Marks)  
(ii) Explain the financial problems arising from the relationship between local authorities and central government. ( 9 Marks)  
(iii) Explain the benefits of good budgeting in the management of local government affairs. ( 8 Marks)
6. Discuss the functions of the following in the administration of local government systems:
  - (i) Councillors (12 Marks)
  - (ii) Non-elected Officials (13 Marks)

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