



**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: DECEMBER 2024**

**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. Discuss the rationale for the creation of local governance system in Zimbabwe. (25 Marks)
2. Explain the local governance reforms of the 1980s in Zimbabwe highlighting how they transformed the post-independence local governance landscape. (25 Marks)
3. Analyse the following aspects of local governance system:
  - (a) Budgeting (5 Marks)
  - (b) Roles of Councillors (5 Marks)
  - (c) Relations between local and central government (10 Marks)
  - (e) Capacity building (5 Marks)
4. With the aid of practical examples, discuss the link between local governance system and public administration. (25 Marks)
5. Explain how the following have enhanced the effectiveness of local governance administration in Zimbabwe:
  - (i) Decentralization (9 Marks)
  - (ii) Good governance (8 Marks)
  - (iii) Beneficiary participation (8 Marks)
6. Examine any 5 sources of local governance financing in Zimbabwe highlighting the challenges arising from their mobilization. (25 Marks)

**END OF PAPER**