



REFORMED CHURCH UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Public Administration

Public Policy Analysis

HPAD 129

Part 1 Semester 2 Examination

Total Marks [100]

Date: January 2022

Time: 3 Hours

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. Expound the policy making cycle using practical examples. (25)
2. Critique the utility of the Cost-Benefit Analysis as a rational technique in the policy making process. Refer to practical policy cases. (25)
3. James Anderson identifies six essential attributes or characteristics of a public policy. Outline and discuss these six elements with specific reference to policy fields you are familiar with. (25)
4. It is argued that policymaking cannot be adequately studied apart from the context in which it occurs. Discuss the various environmental determinants of public policies, using empirical policy cases. (25)
5. "Policy evaluation, like other stages of the policy process, is a political activity; it is not always designed to reveal the effects of a policy. In fact, it is at times employed to disguise or conceal certain facts, facts which it is feared will show the government in poor light" (Howlett and Ramesh 1995). In the light of this observation, discuss the utility of policy evaluation in the empirical world of policy making. (25)
6. Write brief notes on each of the following types of policies:
 - a. Distributive policies
 - b. Constituent policies
 - c. Regulatory policies
 - d. Material and symbolic policies
 - e. Re-distributive policies (25)

End of Paper