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Decentralisation and Local Governance

Specimen Examination

*This is a specimen examination paper designed to show you the type of examination you will have at the end of the year for **Decentralisation and Local Governance**. The number of questions and the structure of the examination will be the same but the wording and the requirements of each question will be different. Best wishes for success on your final examination.*

The examination must be completed in **THREE** hours.

Answer **THREE** questions. The examiners give equal weight to each question; therefore, you are advised to distribute your time approximately equally between three questions.

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Answer **THREE** questions.

1. What are the different ingredients of decentralisation and what are the purposes for which decentralisation can be pursued?

2. Discuss the different approaches to the sequencing of decentralisation, their main advantages and disadvantages.

3. Discuss whether decentralisation is a tool to increase the role of the state or whether it is an instrument of market oriented reforms.

4. How can governments resolve the trade-off between local government boundaries and the need for ensuring economies of scale in the delivery of services?

5. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of fiscal and financial decentralisation models.

6. On what criteria should the choice be made about which taxes should be collected at different levels of government?

7. Why should governments promote participation in local government decision-making and how can this be achieved?

8. What are the main challenges of monitoring and evaluation in decentralised contexts and of decentralisation reforms?

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