This question paper consists of 2 pages (including the cover page).

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This question paper consists of 6 (six) questions of equal value.
2. Answer any 4 (four) questions.
3. Please read the questions thoroughly before you answer.
Question 1
Policy Analysis is a process whereby a research is conducted to establish alternatives that are likely to solve a public problem in question. It measures the costs and benefits of various policy alternatives and determines which alternative is the best alternative. Policy analysis cannot however solve all the problems due to several reasons. With reference to the Namibian context, discuss these reasons. [25]

Question 2
2.1 Public policies are categorised to enable a better understanding in the policy making process. By the use of Namibian policies, differentiate between Self Regulatory and Redistributive policies as categories of public policies. [10]

2.2 Public policies happen within an environment and this environment influence the nature and the content of public policies. Identify and discuss the characteristics of the environment where public policies take place. Motivate your answer with relevant practical examples [15] [25]

Question 3
The Government of the Republic of Namibia intends to amend the National Housing Policy to deal with the housing problem better. This requires a decision to be eventually made on the path to be taken by the government. Assess the steps to be followed in the decision making process. [25]

Question 4
For effective public policies to be formulated; there need to be a good cooperation and consultation between different stakeholders. These stakeholders vary in term of decision making power. Some of these stakeholders are official policy makers while others are non-official. Discuss the roles and duties of interest groups and the business sector as some of the unofficial policy makers. Motivate your answer with relevant practical examples. [25]

Question 5
A model is a representation of a more complex reality that has been oversimplified in order to describe relationship among variables or prescribe how something should be done. By making use of relevant practical examples, compare and contrast the Group and the Elite Models of policy making process. [25]

Question 6
According to Cloete and Meyer (2011), policy agenda setting refers to the deliberate planning process through which policy issues are identified, problem defined and prioritized, support mobilized and decision makers lobbied to take appropriate action. With reference to Namibian context discuss the below:

6.1 Differentiate between a systemic agenda and an institutional agenda. [10]
6.2 There are three basic models of agenda setting. Discuss them. [15] [25]

END OF PAPER