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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER				
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INSTRUCTIONS				
	1. This question paper consists of 6 (six) questions of equal value.			
	2. Answer any 4 (four) questions.			
	Read all the questions carefully before answering.			
	4. Number the answers clearly and correctly.			

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Question 1

Public policy is concerned with the betterment of public welfare. Given this, all public policies have fundamental features. In the same vein, public policy takes place at different levels. With reference to your country, answer questions below:

- 1.1. Discuss any 5 fundamental features of public policies you have learned.(15)
- 1.2. Explain the levels at which public policy takes place.

[25]

(10)

Question 2

Agenda setting is the most critical stage of the policy cycle as it sets apart what the government will attend to. With reference to Namibia, answer the following questions regarding agenda setting:

a)	Discuss the two types of policy agenda you have learned.	(10)	
b)	Explain the patterns or models of agenda-setting	(15)	[25]

Question 3

The study of public policy is a complex undertaking which can only be understood with the use of various models and theories. All these models focus on different aspects of the policy making process and help policy makers understand different scenario of the policy making process. By the use of relevant examples, discuss the criteria used to tell whether models and theories are effective. [25]

Question 4

Public policy is defined by Anderson (2011) as a 'relatively stable, purposive course of action or inaction followed by an actor or set of actors in dealing with a problem or a matter of concern'. As per this definition, public policy involves several actors that aim to address a public problem. With reference to your country, categorise official policy makers and explain the role they play in the policy-making process. [25]

Question 5

Policy evaluation is concerned with the assessment of the policy in terms of its objectives. Answer the questions below regarding policy evaluation:

- a) Discuss the models of policy evaluation you have learned. (10)
- b) Assess types of policy evaluation versus the policy making stage it occurs. (15)[25]

Question 6

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Policy implementation entails converting policy commitments or objectives into practice; and it is an uncertain undertaking riddled with challenges. With the use of relevant policy examples, discuss the challenges of policy implementation. [25]

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