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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION	
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INSTRUCTIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This paper consists of sections A and B.2. Section B consists of three (3) questions from which you are required to answer any two (2) questions.3. Please write legibly and read the questions carefully, before you answer.4. Number answers according to the numbering structure provided in the question paper.5. The Question Paper is applicable to full-time, part-time and distance students.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

[None]

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Section A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

The decentralisation policy defines decentralisation as the transfer of political, financial and administrative powers from central government to regional councils and local authorities. Discuss the five main policy areas for decentralisation; and critically discuss the major implementation challenges associated with the decentralization process.

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Section B (Answer any two (2) questions)

QUESTION 2

Although regional and local authorities are representative organisations for respective constituencies, they are represented by umbrella organisations. Explain the functional structure of the Association for Local Authorities in Namibia (ALAN), and discuss its overall role.

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QUESTION 3

Regional and local authority elections are fundamental to the democratic process in Namibia. The value of the electoral process, more-so, at regional and local government levels cannot be over-emphasized. Discuss in full the *Southern African Development Community* (SADC) principles for conducting democratic elections and its guidelines for observing elections aimed at enhancing transparency and credibility of the electoral process.

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QUESTION 4

Outline in detail the standards, procedures and processes pertaining to meetings of members of local authority councils in Namibia, as stipulated in the Local Authorities Act, No. 23 of 1992. Shape your discussion focusing at the first meeting of a local authority council; procedures relating to special/extra-ordinary meetings; public involvement in council meetings; and minutes of meetings of local authorities.

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