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PROGRAMME
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2025 February
OSPA451 - PUBLIC POLICY
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



DATE: 23.02.2025

TIME: 1.30 PM - 4.30 PM

Answer Five (05) Questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. a. The study of public policy is multi-disciplinary in nature. Discuss. **(10 marks)**
b. Explain the difference between Policy Study and Policy Analysis. **(10 marks)**
2. There are several models/approaches developed by scholars to study public policy from different perspectives. Describe four of them. **(20 marks)**
3. a. Explain the policy making process in a logical sequence. **(12 marks)**
b. Briefly discuss the role of different actors in the policy making scene in the stages of policy-making process. **(08 marks)**
4. a. A policy problem is a bad or undesirable condition in society. Who says that there is a policy problem? **(10 marks)**
b. Discuss the importance of 'Issue Paper and Green Paper' in structuring a policy problem. **(10 marks)**
5. a. Explain 'systemic agenda and institutional agenda' in agenda setting. **(08 marks)**
b. Describe with examples one (1) quantitative and three (3) qualitative criteria for application of evaluating policy alternatives/options. **(12 marks)**
6. a. Critically examine why public policies are to be implemented not by policy makers themselves but bureaucracy or other organizational means (Market or NGOs). **(12 marks)**
b. Briefly explain with examples the conditions needed for successful policy implementation. **(08 marks)**
7. a. "Policy monitoring and evaluation" are two important activities to be undertaken by two different people". Elaborate. **(10 marks)**
b. Explain Summative and Formative evaluation techniques available for policy evaluation. **(10 Marks)**

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