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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024 FEBRUARY
OSPA451/ MSPA451 –PUBLIC POLICY
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

DATE: 11.02.2024 **TIME: 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM**

Answer Five (5) Questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. a. Explain the meaning of public policy giving reference to definitions by policy scientists. ***(08 marks)***

   b. Many stakeholders interact with policy makers in a democratic system of governance. Describe the role of six stakeholders in the policymaking environment. ***(12 marks)***

2. a. Explain the sources of data and how to collect them to define a policy problem. ***(10 marks)***

   b. What do you mean by the concept of "Evidence based Policymaking" which has become popular in developed countries in the 1990s. ***(10 marks)***

3. a. Describe the main steps to be followed in the policy-making process. ***(15 marks)***

   b. What do you mean by policy option/alternative? ***(05 marks)***

4. a. Examine the difference between Rational policymaking model and incremental approach. ***(12 marks)***

   b. Policy scientists use 'Issue Papers' and 'Green Papers' for structuring policy problems. Explain with examples how to use them. ***(08 marks)***

5. a. Policy options/alternatives are evaluated using criteria. Explain with examples one quantitative criterion and four qualitative criteria. ***(10 marks)***

   b. Policymaking is not complete without implementation. Comment. ***(10 marks)***

6. a. Explain the role of bureaucracy and interest groups in policy implementation. *(10 marks)*

   b. Monitoring and implementation are two important but different activities in public policy. Comment. *(10 marks)*

7. a. Explain 'Summative Evaluation and Formative Evaluation 'that are techniques used in policy evaluation. *(12 marks)*

   b. Discuss why less attention is paid for policy evaluation in developing countries compared to the situation in developed countries. *(08 marks)*

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