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EXTERNALLY MODERATED CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST
PAPER
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TIME: 3 Hours
SUBJECT: Public Administration
PAPER: Ethics in Public Administration 3B
MARKS: 100 (Final Mark Weighting 40%)
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INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Answer any two **(2) questions** of your choice
- (ii) All questions carry equal marks
- (iii) You are expected to draw relevant **practical examples** and **illustrations** from the theory and practice of ethics (applied ethics) in P(public) A(administration)

Question 1**[50 Marks]**

Discuss the three philosophical approaches to managing ethics in the public sector: (i) deontology (ii) teleology/utilitarianism/consequentialism, and (iii) virtue ethics. Using practical examples illustrate how they could be applied to build an ethical culture and to manage public sector ethics in the South African public sector context.

Question 2**[50 Marks]**

Using suitable examples from the South African public service, discuss 'compliance-based/rule-based' and 'integrity-based/value-based' approaches to ethics management, clearly showing how these two approaches could best be applied to enforce ethical conduct, control unethical behaviour, and foster an ethical public service ethos.

Question 3**[50 Marks]**

Using suitable/relevant illustrations/examples, define and discuss public sector ethics and justify the importance and need for an ethical culture in the South African public service.

Question 4**[50 Marks]**

What is *Ubuntu*? Discuss the strong and weak points of *Ubuntu*. Is the philosophy of *Ubuntu* relevant to ethics in public administration in the South African context? Use relevant practical examples to justify your answer.

Question 5**[50 Marks]**

Professionalism is an overarching value and public servants must professionally carry out their duties and observe high standards of ethical conduct. What is a profession and what constitutes professionalism and professional ethical conduct in the South African public service?

END OF FINAL CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST PAPER