

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2017/2018

PSC 3262- CURRENT ISSUES IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

TIME: TWO (02) HOURS

Answer only **three (03)** questions

Each answer will carry a maximum of **twenty (20)** marks

1. “Governing at the local level viewed broadly to include not only the machinery of government, but also the community at large and its interactions with local authorities.” (USAID Handbook, 2000).
Examine this statement.
2. Briefly examine the following:
 - a) Local Self-Government and Grass-root democracy
 - b) Decentralization for good governance
 - c) Local government reform
 - d) People’s participatory budgeting
3. Examine the Tocquevillean’s theory of Associational Democracy and examine its relevance to local democracy.
4. a) Define the term ‘Social Capital’
b) Explain how Robert Putnam theorizes the term ‘Social Capital’?
5. Discuss one of the following statements:
Either
“Panchayathi Raj system plays a major role under the democratic local governance in India.”

Or
“People’s Planning Experiment (PPE) in Kerala has been widely acknowledged for promoting local democracy and decentralized planning.”
6. Write notes on **two (02)** of the following:
 - a) Political associations and Civil associations
 - b) Local autonomy and local minorities
 - c) Pluralism and local democracy
 - d) Women’s quota in local government authorities