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PUB1507

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE I

100 Marks

Duration: 4 Hours

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This examination question paper consists of four (4) pages.

Rough work will not be marked.

**Instructions:**

You are expected, in this online examination, to **evaluate, critically analyse and apply** the information in your study material. You therefore need to deliver well-structured and well-presented arguments and solutions. Be wary of making statements without substantiating and motivating them. It is essential to provide practical examples of the application of theory in the public sector. Please note that you are not allowed to copy content from sources verbatim as this would constitute plagiarism, which is a disciplinary offense. You therefore have to re-write the content in your own words. You may use extra information sources. Note that *Wikipedia*, *Facebook* and *YouTube* are not academic sources but may provide valuable additional information about the real-live context of public administration.

**You must not communicate with fellow students during the examination.** No group work will be accepted, and cases of misconduct will be referred to the relevant Academic Integrity Sub-committee for investigation. Your **marks will be affected negatively should plagiarism be detected**, or should you use non-academic sources. **The use of any Artificial Intelligence Tools such as ChatGPT to generate answers is strictly prohibited and will be considered as a contravention of Academic Integrity.**

Your submitted examination answer will be marked by assessing the clarity of thought, use of content to support arguments and ability to clearly explain how practical examples relate to the examination question.

**NOTE: At least 30% of the marks are allocated to the application of the theory.**

Please make sure that your grammar, expression and general use of the English language are correct. Remember that poor grammar and presentation may negatively affect the way your work is perceived by the assessor.

Please submit your examination answer on the *myExams* platform.


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Kindly also take note of the following important aspects:

- Examination answers are submitted electronically. No hardcopy examination answers will be accepted. Any handwritten answers must be scanned and uploaded electronically.
- The time allocated for this examination paper is four (4) hours to allow sufficient time for research, application of theory to the public sector, and online submission.
- Answers must be converted into a single PDF document for uploading. Do not upload the pages one by one.
- You have to answer two (2) questions worth 50 marks each. The recommended time to spend on each question is approximately two (2) hours.
- **The examination is invigilated through the Invigilator App.**
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- Your examination answer must be written in the form of an essay and have to include the following:
  - Title page
  - Table of contents
  - Introduction
  - Content discussion with relevant headings, subheadings and examples
  - Conclusion
  - List of sources
- You have to:
  - do in-text source referencing, for example – (Theletsane, 2019: 77); and
  - add a complete list of sources, for example: Theletsane, K.I. 2019. Form and content of the ethics programme in the South African National Defence Force. *African journal of public affairs*, 11(1): 75-92.

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**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 Explain what is meant by data production, collection of data and processing of data. Provide practical examples to substantiate your answer. (20)
- 1.2 Define and describe 'e-government' and explain how it transforms relations with citizens, businesses and other arms of government. Demonstrate understanding with the use of relevant examples. (30)

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**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Write explanatory notes on what a service portal is and the type of information a service portal offers. Illustrate with the use of relevant examples. (30)
- 2.2 Briefly describe the establishment of State Information Technology (SITA) and demonstrate understanding with the use of relevant examples. (20)

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**TOTAL: [100]**