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**THE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025**  
**(AUGUST, 2025)**

**DPAD 0112: HISTORY OF COUNTY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN KENYA**

**STREAM: Y1 S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: TUESDAY, 9.00 – 11.00 A M**

**DATE: 12/08/2025**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE And Any Other Two questions.***

**QUESTION ONE COMPULSORY**

- Define the concept of Administration (3mks)
- Discuss the importance of Public Administration (12mks)
- Write short notes on:
- (i) Public Administration as a tool of governance (5mks)  
ii) Public Administration as an instrument of development (5mks)
- Define the concept devolution giving relevant examples (5mks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- Discuss the functions of transitional authority (10mks)
- Discuss the importance of devolution (10mks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- By giving relevant examples, discuss the functions of national government (10mks)
- Citing examples, Define the concept public administration (4mks)
- Compare and contrast centralization and devolution (6mks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

- Examine the scope of public administration (10mks)
- Discuss the functions of county governments (10mks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

- With reference to their structure and functions, compare and contrast county and national governments. (8mks)
- critically examine advantages and disadvantages of devolution (12mks)