



**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF**  
**THE BACHELORS OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND PEACE STUDIES**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025**  
**(AUGUST, 2025)**

**BPPS 223: DECENTRALIZATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**STREAM: Y2 S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: THURSDAY, 9.00 – 11.00 A M**

**DATE: 07/08/2025**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

**Question 1 (Compulsory) – 30 Marks**

- (a) What is the difference between decencentration, delegation, and devolution? Provide examples from African countries to illustrate your answer. (10 Marks)
- (b) How does decentralisation enhance or hinder sustainable rural development? Critically examine the relationship between decentralised governance and poverty reduction in rural areas. (20 Marks)

**Question 2**

Discuss the role of political decentralisation in improving governance and democracy at the local level. Provide examples of how local participation can be strengthened through decentralisation. (20 Marks)

**Question 3**

Assess the challenges of implementing decentralisation policies in a context of limited administrative capacity and weak institutional frameworks. How can these challenges be addressed to improve rural service delivery? (20Marks)

**Question 4**

Explain how decentralisation can be used as a strategy to manage natural resources and promote environmental sustainability in rural areas. Provide case studies to support your argument. (20 Marks)