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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 407

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH**

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QUESTION 1

"The state has essential and definite functions to carry out in making a market economy work both more efficiently and equitably." Discuss this statement drawing from relevant sources.

QUESTION 2

What do you consider to be the main functions of the budget and the principal goals that governments aim to achieve through it?

QUESTION 3

Are the arguments in favour of foreign aid convincing? Illustrate your answer with examples.

QUESTION 4

Distinguish between the principles of Economy, Efficiency, Effectiveness and Equity. Assess the significance of these principles in the management of public finances.

QUESTION 5

Musgrave and Musgrave (1987) describe a number of factors that, in general, account for public expenditure growth. Which of these are the most crucial in your country?

QUESTION 6

A number of principles of a desirable tax system are described in the literature, which do you judge to be the most applicable to income tax in your country?

QUESTION 7

Assess the importance, effectiveness and limitations of oversight bodies in the management of public finances. Illustrate your points with examples.

QUESTION 8

Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of procurement and tendering procedures in the context of the public sector, with reference to a country of your choice.