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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JUNE 2007

TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 407

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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QUESTION 1

What do you consider to be the minimum conditions for a functioning market economy? Discuss with examples.

QUESTION 2

What is the case for government involvement in the management of the economy? What is generally accepted to be the main functions of government in a market economy? Discuss drawing from relevant sources.

QUESTION 3

Critically examine the functions of the budget in financial administration.

QUESTION 4

Discuss the role of the major role players in central government budgeting.

QUESTION 5

Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Line-Item Budgeting. What are the prospects for its reform?

QUESTION 6

What are the strengths and weaknesses of foreign aid? Illustrate your answer with examples.

QUESTION 7

Discuss fully the issue of public sector performance with reference to the use of public finances and the proposals for reform.

QUESTION 8

Discuss fully and critically the issue of good governance in public sector financial administration