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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2010

TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 407

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF
TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH**

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QUESTION 1

Discuss the principles of a desirable tax system with reference to income tax.

QUESTION 2

What is the justification for the distribution function of government? Explain the tools that are used to carry out this function.

QUESTION 3

Drawing from Musgrave and Musgrave (1987) & Sandford (1987), discuss the factors that account for public expenditure growth.

QUESTION 4

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

QUESTION 5

Discuss the phases in the budget cycle with reference to a country of your choice.

QUESTION 6

What is Zero Base Budgeting? Explain the budgeting process of this technique and its advantages and disadvantages.

QUESTION 7

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

QUESTION 8

What are the causes and effects of the debt crisis? What are some of the possible solutions?