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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2010**

TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 407

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER FOUR ANY (4) QUESTIONS

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

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QUESTION 1

Discuss the justification for the allocation function of government and the mechanisms that are used to carry out this function.

QUESTION 2

"In profit-oriented organizations the amount of profit provides a ready-made measure of performance. In many public sector organizations, however, the absence of suitable output measurements makes performance evaluation much more difficult". Discuss

QUESTION 3

Discuss cost benefit analysis as a mechanism for the control of public expenditure.

QUESTION 4

Discuss the reasons for the importance of budgets and explain why the budget is particularly important in the public sector.

QUESTION 5

Discuss the link between planning and budgeting in the context of a public sector organization.

QUESTION 6

'Line-item budgeting is about means, Programme budgeting is about ends.' Discuss.

QUESTION 7

Compare and contrast Line- item budgeting with Zero Base Budgeting.

QUESTION 8

Assess the view that there are mixed motives behind foreign aid and explain the strengths and weaknesses of foreign aid.