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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: DECEMBER 2016**

**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**

What are the major activities of public financial administration and why is there a need for the public sector?

**QUESTION 2**

Discuss the different classifications of public expenditure and explain how cost-benefit analysis can be used as a mechanism to control public expenditure.

**QUESTION 3**

Outline the main features of a consumption tax and differentiate between a sales tax and a value added tax.

**QUESTION 4**

The World Bank postulates five principles of good budgeting. Discuss these principles and further discuss the process involved in the formulation of a budget.

**QUESTION 5**

Distinguish between line-item budgeting, and programme budgeting and assess the strengths and weaknesses of these two forms of budgeting.

**QUESTION 6**

Discuss the guiding principles for selecting performance measures in the public sector and the steps that should be followed to successfully implement such a system.

**QUESTION 7**

Discuss the five main procurement methods in Swaziland and explain the roles of the following institutions in the public procurement process;

- ❖ The Technical Secretariat
- ❖ The Lead Procurement Organisations
- ❖ The requesting Ministries and Departments

**QUESTION 8**

Discuss the main features of a typical international Monetary Fund (IMF) stabilisation programme and discuss the five main concerns that have been raised by developing countries with regards to IMF conditionality.