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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: DECEMBER 2017

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**

1. Distinguish between the public and the private sectors and also discuss the following reasons for the intervention of government in the economy;

- Public goods
- Externalities
- Imperfect information

### **QUESTION 2**

Outline the main principles of public expenditure and explain its role in developing countries.

### **QUESTION 3**

Discuss Seligman's, Dalton's and Taylor's classifications of public revenue and further outline Adam Smith's four canons of taxation.

### **QUESTION 4**

What is meant by progressive taxation and what are the main sources of non-tax revenue?

### **QUESTION 5**

Distinguish between the allocation and distribution functions of government and discuss the major activities of public financial management.

### **QUESTION 6**

Firstly, discuss the main differences between public and private procurement and secondly, discuss the two stage tendering process.

### **QUESTION 7**

The budget cycle in general consists of four crucial stages. Discuss the formulation stage of the budget and further discuss main budget documents in Swaziland.

### **QUESTION 8**

Distinguish between an income tax and a consumption tax and further discuss the role of the Swaziland Revenue Authority in revenue collection.