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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

COURSE CODE: PA407

TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instructions

1. Answer four (4) questions
2. All questions carry equal marks of twenty five (25) each

Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book when instructed by the Chief Invigilator and sign their examination attendance cards but must NOT write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.

No electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving text, including electronic dictionaries and any form of foreign material may be used while in the examination room.

DO NOT turn examination paper over until instructed to do so.

QUESTION 1

Distinguish between a public good and a private good. Discuss the regulatory function of government.

QUESTION 2

Outline the eleven main causes of public expenditure growth.

QUESTION 3

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

QUESTION 4

Musgrave and Musgrave, outline the characteristics of a system that would yield maximum tax revenues. Discuss these characteristics and then outline the nine main canons of taxation.

QUESTION 5

Discuss the legal institutional framework for public procurement in Eswatini.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the main actors in the budgetary process in Eswatini and the role that each one plays in the budget cycle.

QUESTION 7

In order to utilise the budget as a control instrument effectively, it is important that auditing and evaluation take place during the execution phase. Discuss the two main methods that can be used to accomplish this as well as their merits and demerits.

QUESTION 8

Discuss the case for and against foreign aid and then state which argument persuades you the most and why?