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SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021
(CBCSS)

Economics

ECO 2C 07—PUBLIC FINANCE : THEORY AND PRACTICE
(2019 Admissions)

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Time : Three Hours

General Instructions

1. In cases where choices are provided, students can attend **all** questions in each section.
2. The minimum number of questions to be attended from the Section / Part shall remain the same.
3. There will be an overall ceiling for each Section / Part that is equivalent to the maximum weightage of the Section / Part.

Part A (Multiple Choice Questions)

Answer **all** questions.

Each question carries $\frac{1}{4}$ weightage.

1. Chairman of 15th Finance Commission is :
 - a) Y.V. Reddy.
 - b) Nand Kishore Singh.
 - c) Vijay K Kelkar.
 - d) C.Rangarajan.
2. Which of the following is not a characteristic of public good ?
 - a) Non-excludable.
 - b) Non-rivalry.
 - c) Divisibility.
 - d) Indivisibility.
3. Who is the constitutional authority to decide the tax share of states ?
 - a) Finance Minister.
 - b) Finance Commission.
 - c) Planning Commission.
 - d) Union Cabinet.
4. Reason for market failure is :
 - a) Asymmetric information.
 - b) Decreasing cost.
 - c) Provision of public good.
 - d) All of these.

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Part B (Short Answer Type)

Answer any five out of eight questions.

Each question carries 1 weightage.

13. Define Tax. What are the characteristics of a tax ?
14. Examine the role of finance commission in a country.
15. What is a public good ? How it is different from private good ?
16. Explain balanced budget multiplier.
17. Distinguish between development and non-development expenditure.
18. Explain Musgrave's concept of incidence.
19. Write a note on vertical fiscal imbalance.
20. What is GST ? Explain.

(5 × 1 = 5 weightage)

Part C (Paragraph Type)

Answer any seven out of ten questions.

Each question carries 2 weightage.

21. What are Externalities ? Explain positive and negative externalities.
22. What are the objectives of FRBM Act ? Explain.
23. Describe the principles of public debt management.
24. Explain Median Voter Theorem.
25. Explain the Voluntary Exchange theory of Lindahl.
26. Define public revenue. What are the sources of public revenue ?
27. What are the objectives of public expenditure in a developing country ?
28. Discuss the factors influencing the incidence of a tax.
29. Briefly explain theory of public choice.
30. What are the methods of fiscal transfers in India ? Explain.

(7 × 2 = 14 weightage)

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Part D (Essay Type)

*Answer any two out of four questions.
Each question carries 4 weightage.*

31. Define Zero Based Budgeting. What are the main processes involved in Zero Based Budgeting? Explain its merits and demerits.
32. Examine the problems of central state financial relations in India. Discuss the impact of economic reforms on centre state financial relations.
33. Explain the role of public debt in the economic development of India. Discuss the trend of growth of public debt in India.
34. Critically explain the pure theories of public expenditure.

(2 × 4 = 8 marks)