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(2017 to 2018 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN ECONOMICS/DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
6B14ECO : Public Economics

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40



PART – A

(Very Short Answer Questions)

Answer **all** questions. **Each** question carries **1** mark.

1. What do you mean by a merit good ?
2. What is externality ?
3. What is meant by progressive tax ?
4. What do you mean by a budget ?

(4×1=4)

PART – B

(Short Answer Questions)

Answer **any seven** questions. **Each** question carries **2** marks.

5. Explain the free-rider problem.
6. What do you mean by public debt ?
7. Distinguish between direct and indirect taxes.
8. What is meant by incidence of taxation ?
9. Distinguish between tax base and tax rate.
10. What are the four canons of expenditure suggested by Prof. Shirras ?
11. What is meant by deficit financing ?
12. Briefly explain the zero-based budgeting.
13. Give the meaning of fiscal federalism.
14. Give a brief account of the functions of Finance Commission.

(7×2=14)

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PART – C

(Short Essay Questions)

Answer **any four** questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

15. Explain the fiscal functions.
16. Explain the theory of public choice.
17. Describe the cost of service theory of taxation.
18. Explain various methods of repayment of public debt.
19. Explain the Wiseman-Peacock hypothesis.
20. Describe the merits of performance budgeting.

(4×3=12)

PART – D

(Essay Questions)

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** question carries **5** marks.

21. Explain the classification of taxes based on impact and incidence, tax rate and tax base and nature of commodity.
22. Critically examine the theory of maximum social advantage.
23. Describe the preparation and presentation of budget in India.
24. Evaluate the performance of Kerala State Finance Commission.

(2×5=10)

