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B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017

Fourth Semester

Economics (Model I)

Core Course-PUBLIC ECONOMICS

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Part A (Definition Type Questions)

Answer all the following questions in one sentence each.

Each question carries 1 mark.

Define the following:

- 1 Public finance.
- 2 Public good.
- 3 Indirect tax.
- 4 Public revenue.
- 5 Impact of tax.
- 6 Finance Commission.
- 7 Deficit budget.
- 8 Laffer Curve.
- 9 Vertical equity.
- 10 Fiscal policy.

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

Answer any eight of the following questions in a paragraph each.

(Not exceeding 100 words)

Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11 Nature of Public Economics.
- 12 Private Good.
- 13 Proportional Tax.

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- 14 Deficit finance.
- 15 Progressive expenditure.
- 16 Redeemable and irredeemable debt.
- 17 Ability to pay theory.
- 18 Revenue and capital budget.
- 19 Expansionary fiscal policy.
- 20 Debt management,
- 21 State Finance Commission.
- 22 Federal finance.
- 23 Welfare state.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16)$

Part C (Short Essays)

Answer any six of the following questions in one and a half pages each.

(Not exceeding 150 words).

Each question carries 4 marks.

- 24 Explain the limitations of fiscal policy.
- 25 Distinguish between public finance and private finance.
- 26 Discuss the canons of taxation,
- 27 Explain the factors affecting taxable capacity.
- 28 Explain the reasons behind the growth of public expenditure.
- 29 Discuss the important types of public debt.
- 30 Write a note on fiscal federalism in India.
- 31 What are the functions of Finance Commission?
- 32 Explain the concept of market failure.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D (Long Essays)

Answer any two of the following questions.

(Not exceeding four pages each)

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 33 What is market failure? What is the role of the state in a market economy?
- 34 Discuss the sources of Public Revenue.
- 35 Discuss the methods of redemption of public debt.
- 36 Explain the objectives of fiscal policy.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$