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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2011

TITLE OF PAPER:

PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE:

PA 407

TIME ALLOWED:

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR ANY (4) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF

TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH

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QUESTION 1

Explain in detail why governments need to spend and further discuss the types of government expenditures.

QUESTION 2

There are constraints in trying to control the growth of public expenditure. Discuss.

QUESTION 3

Compare and contrast sales tax and value added tax.

QUESTION 4

Gildenhuys (1997) outlines several important features of the public budget. Discuss these features giving examples where necessary.

QUESTION 5

Explain the following concepts;

- (i) Multilateral aid
- (ii) Public procurement
- (iii) Operating budget
- (iv) Expenditure schedule
- (v) Donor-oriented aid

QUESTION 6

Discuss the observations of the Plowden Committee on budgeting and further explain their significance to other countries like Swaziland.

QUESTION 7

Discuss programme budgeting and further assess its strengths and weaknesses.

QUESTION 8

Differentiate between the role of the IMF and the role of the World Bank.