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Fifth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, December 2018 First Degree Programme Under CBCSS ECONOMICS

Core Course: X

EC-1545: Public Economics (2013 Admn. & 2014 Admn.)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

SECTION - I

Answer in on one or two sentences. Attempt all questions.

- 1. Externalities.
- 2. GST.
- 3. Market failure.
- 4. Fiscal policy.
- 5. Own Revenue.
- 6. Budget.
- 7. Public goods.
- 8. Market imperfections.
- 9. Direct tax.
- 10. Special assessments.

(10×1=10 Marks)



SECTION - II

Answer any eight questions not exceeding one paragraph. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Distinguish between private finance and public finance.
- 12. Explain the concepts of impact and incidence of tax.
- 13. What are merit goods?
- 14. What are the different sources of non-tax revenue?
- 15. Explain proportional, progressive and regressive taxation.
- 16. Distinguish between developmental and non-developmental expenditure.
- 17. What do you mean by shifting of taxation?
- 18. Explain cascading effect of tax.
- 19. Explain the concepts of deficit financing.
- 20. What do you mean by internal and external debt ?
- 21. Explain the working of Value Added Tax in avoiding the tax cascading effects.
- 22. Explain the concept of Taxable Capacity.

(8×2=16 Marks)

SECTION - III

Answer any six questions not exceeding 120 words. Each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. Evaluate the benefit theory of taxation.
- 24. Explain zero based budgeting.
- 25. Examine the reasons for the growth of public expenditure.
- 26. What are Adam Smith's canons of taxation?
- 27. Explain Wagner's law of increasing state activities.



- 28. What are the methods of redemption of public debt?
- 29. Examine the role of government in a modern economy.
- 30. Explain performance budgeting.
- 31. Explain the role of finance commission in maintaining centre state financial relations. (6×4=24 Marks)

SECTION - IV

Answer any two questions not exceeding four pages. Each question carries 15 marks

- 32. Evaluate the ability to pay theory of taxation.
- 33. Explain the economic effects of public expenditure on production, consumption and distribution.
- 34. Critically evaluate the theory of maximum social advantage.
- 35. Explain the nature, scope and significance of public finance. (2×15=30 Marks)