# **B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION MARCH 2017**

SEMESTER - 4 : BA ECONOMICS

## COURSE : 15U4CRECO6 : PUBLIC ECONOMICS

(Regular 2015 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

# PART A

Answer **all** questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. Public finance
- 2. Stabilization function
- 3. Budget
- 4. Escheats
- 5. Indirect tax
- 6. Special assessments
- 7. Grants-in-aid
- 8. Irredeemable debts
- 9. Vertical equity
- 10. Fiscal federalism

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$ 

# PART B

Answer **any eight** of the following in three or four sentences. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Give any two limitations of the role of state.
- 12. What is public economics?
- 13. Write a short note on progressive taxation.
- 14. State justification for benefit principle of taxation.
- 15. What do you mean by impact of taxation?
- 16. Give any two objectives of public debt.
- 17. Distinguish between internal and external debt.
- 18. Write any two merits of direct taxes.
- 19. Give two suggestive functions of Finance commission.
- 20. List the principles of federal finance.

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$ 

#### PART C

Answer **any five** of the following in not more than one page. Each question

#### carries five marks.

- 21. Discuss the difference between private and public goods.
- 22. Analyze the scope of public economics.
- 23. Explain different canons of public expenditure.
- 24. Bring out the different methods of debt repayment.
- 25. State the concept of tax-shifting.
- 26. Explain the ability to pay principle of taxation.
- 27. Discuss various kinds of central aid to the state Governments.

(5 x 5 = 25)

### PART D

Answer **any two** of the following in not exceeding four pages. Each question carries 12 marks.

- 28. Discuss the theory of the maximum social advantage. How it can be achieved?
- 29. Illustrate the important effects of taxation.
- 30. Critically review the recommendation of Thirteenth Finance Commission.
- 31. Describe the meaning, types and the burden of Public debt.

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$ 

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