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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2014

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

Discuss the numerous factors that often lead to the growth of public expenditure.

QUESTION 2

What is progressive taxation and what are its advantages and disadvantages.

QUESTION 3

Distinguish between a property tax and a capital gains tax and discuss their advantages and disadvantages.

QUESTION 4

Discuss how cost benefit analysis can be used as a mechanism to control the growth of public expenditure.

QUESTION 5

Discuss any five functions of the national budget.

QUESTION 6

The authorisation of the national budget takes place in two stages. Discuss these two stages in detail.

QUESTION 7

Explain the budgeting process of Zero Base budgeting and assess its strengths and weaknesses.

QUESTION 8

Explain the following concepts;

- a) Limited tender
- b) Capital budget
- c) Public procurement
- d) Externalities
- e) Corporate tax