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**FINAL EXAMINATIONS PAPER: MAY 2021**

**MAIN PAPER**

**TITLE OF PAPER: PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE: PAD 401**

**TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS:**

**2. THE FIRST QUESTION IS COMPULSORY**

**3. CHOOSE ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION TWO**

**4. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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## SECTION ONE

### COMPULSORY QUESTION

#### SECTION 1

##### *Question 1*

Gildenhuis (2016) argues that governments are required to uphold democratic and good governance principles when managing public funds and administering other fiscal issues. Critically discuss this statement citing specific areas in the Public Finance Management cycle where good governance issues should obtain.

OR

Musgrave and Musgrave (1989) argue that deficiencies of the Market System have resulted in the increased involvement of governments in management and administration of fiscal functions. Critically discuss this statement, in view of the different political ideologies particularly in times of fiscal crisis.

#### SECTION 2

##### *Question 2*

- (A) Discuss the characteristics and functions of taxation as a public revenue collection tool.
- (B) Discuss the features of a budget and state the difference between a budget and a budget system.

##### *Question 3*

Discuss the concept of Cash Management, its significance and further deliberate on how it can solve liquidity challenges in a country like Eswatini.

##### *Question 4*

Discuss the significance of budget reforms and further deliberate on how Zero- Based Budgeting has improved the traditional budgeting function