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POST-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term End Examination — December, 2024

ECONOMICS

Paper-XI : PUBLIC ECONOMICS

Time : 2 hours]

[Full Marks : 50

Weightage of Marks : 80%

Special credit will be given accuracy and relevance in the answer. Marks will be deducted for spelling, untidy work and illegible handwriting. The weightage for each question has been indicated in the margin.

Use of scientific calculator is strictly prohibited.

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions : $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 10$
- a) What is pure public good ?
 - b) What is free-rider problem ?
 - c) What is dead-weight loss in taxation ?
 - d) What is public-debt ?
 - e) Distinguish between revenue receipts and capital receipts.
 - f) What is fiscal federalism ?
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$
- a) State the essence of the Ramsey rule ? What are the assumptions of the rule proposed by Ramsey ?
 - b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of direct tax ?
 - c) Whether an internally held public debt imposes a burden and if so how much ?
 - d) What is Musgrave's view regarding the transfer of burden of Public debt to the future generation ?
 - e) Write a note on the structure of taxes in the Indian taxation system.
 - f) What is Grants-in-aid ?

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 10 × 2 = 20

- a) What are externalities ? Briefly discuss the Pigouvian method for dealing with externalities.
 - b) What is progressive taxation ? What are its advantages and disadvantages ?
 - c) "Theory of public expenditure does not take into consideration a host of emerging realities". Critically evaluate this assertion.
 - d) Explain the burden of internal and external public debt.
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