

2021

(July)

ECONOMICS

(Honours)

(Public Economics)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer **five** questions, taking at least **one**
from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. Define Public Economics. What is the subject matter of Public Economics? Elaborate on the importance of Public Economics in the present-day economy. $2+7+6=15$
2. Distinguish between private goods and public goods. What are the characteristics of a public good? Examine the role of externalities and public good in causing market failure. $3+3+9=15$

UNIT—II

3. Give the meaning and scope of public expenditure. Explain Peacock-Wiseman hypothesis of public expenditure. Why is it considered superior of Wagner's hypothesis? $5+6+4=15$
4. What is tax? What are the various types of classification of taxation? Assess the relative advantages and disadvantages of direct and indirect taxations. $1+4+10=15$

UNIT—III

5. What do you understand by 'fiscal policy'? Discuss the objectives of fiscal policy in the light of the Indian economy. To what extent have they been achieved? $3+9+3=15$
6. Outline the major functions of the Finance Commission. Review briefly the recommendations made by the Fourteenth Finance Commissions appointed by the Government of India. $5+10=15$