

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE MAIN FINAL YEAR SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT 2018

PROGRAMME: BA HONOURS PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

MODULE: ADVANCED PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

MARKS: 100

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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF: 2 pages

Instructions to students:

- 1. Write the number of each question answered clearly in the space provided on the cover of the examination answer book.
- 2. Begin each answer on a new page.
- 3. Begin each section on a separate answer sheet.
- 4. Number your answers exactly as the questions are numbered.
- 5. The general University of Johannesburg policies, procedures and rules pertaining to written assessments apply to this assessment.

Answer any FOUR (4) questions.

QUESTION 1 – (25 Marks)

Discuss the role of municipalities in managing and controlling their credit in the public financial management arena.

QUESTION 2 – (25 Marks)

Illustrate the importance of estimates, the components of a budget and then critically analyse the viability of the Budget 2018 with specific reference to seizing the opportunity for Inclusive Growth and Economic Transformation; the Fiscal Framework; and Tax Proposals – impact of the 1% VAT increase on the economy and citizens.

QUESTION 3 – (25 Marks)

Analyse the significance of professionalism in public financial management and then evaluate the three common results of unprofessional and unethical conduct. Use appropriate practical examples to illustrate your answers.

QUESTION 4 – (25 Marks)

In a well-balanced essay, critically evaluate the following types and techniques of accounting and its **relevance** to South African Public Financial Management:

- Financial accounting
- Management accounting
- Cash accounting
- Accrual accounting

QUESTION 5 – (25 Marks)

Discuss the significance of the National Development Plan (NDP) and then critically analyse the relationship between the NDP and the Budget 2018 with specific reference to South Africa's economic outlook.

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