

### 30. - PUBLIC FINANCE

*The topic entails:*

- The meaning of public finance and the purpose
- Identifying various sources of public finance.
- Categorizing public/government expenditure and explain various ways the government uses public finances and their influence on business activities in an economy.
- Discuss taxation and its contribution to public finance
- Discuss the purpose and principles of taxation laying emphasis on characteristics of a good tax system.
- Classify taxes and outline the merit and demerits of each.
- Meaning of the budget and discuss the role of a budget as a tool for planning.

1. Outline **four** short comings of a country borrowing heavily from internal and external sources
2. Mention **four** cannons of taxation
3. State **four** reasons why government levy taxes
4. Identify **four** methods that a government can use to finance a national budget deficit
5. Match the following types of taxes with the appropriate description given below:-

Corporate tax, Customs duty, Estate duty, Excise duty

| Tax | Description                                           |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | Is a tax levied on manufactured goods                 |
| (b) | Is a tax levied on wealth of a person after his death |
| (c) | Is a tax levied on entry of goods into a country      |
| (d) | Is a tax levied on profits of business enterprises    |

6. Highlight any **four** features of a good tax system
7. Outline **five** principles of taxation

8. Differentiate between progressive and regressive taxation giving an example of each
9. Highlight **four** advantages of direct tax
10. Highlight **four** sources of revenue to the local authorities

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1. Discuss **five** principles of taxation
2. Outline **five** sources of non- tax public revenue
3. Explain **five** principles of public expenditure
4. Highlight **five** reasons for imposition of tax by the government
5. Discuss **five characteristics** of a good tax system
6. Outline **five** reasons why the Kenya government must impose tax.