

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2004 – 05 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: EC/PC/PE44

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2008
BRANCH III – ECONOMICS
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR - CORE
PAPER : PUBLIC ECONOMICS
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION – A

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWERS NOT TO EXCEED 300 WORDS.

(5 X 8 = 40)

1. What are Public goods? How are they different from private goods?
2. Explain briefly the factors that determine taxable capacity?
3. Explain the various principles of public debt management?
4. Briefly explain the Non – Tax sources of revenue?
5. Examine the reasons for the growth of public expenditure in India?
6. Bring out the similarities and dis-similarities between private debt and public debt?
7. Explain briefly the recommendations of the 11th Finance Commission of India.

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWERS NOT TO EXCEED 1200 WORDS.

(3 X 20 = 60)

8. Explain Arrow's Impossibility Theorem and bring out its criticisms?
9. Give a detailed framework of the cost-benefit analysis as an aspect of Public Finance.
10. Examine the importance of Fiscal Policy in bringing about stability and controlling inflation in the economy?
11. Explain Samuelson's pure theory of public expenditure.
12. Write an essay on the effects of Liberalization and Globalisation on our economy? Also bring out their demerits.
