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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANAGEMENT
SCIENCES**

**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
COMMERCE**

SPECIAL EXAMINATION

EAE 313: PUBLIC FINANCE

Date: 1/8/2016

Time: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss various methods of raising resources by government (6 marks)
- b) Discuss the principle of maximum social advantage as applied in public finance (10 marks)
- c) Differentiate between private goods and public goods (4 marks)
- d) Explain five methods which the government can adopt to repay the public debt (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain why public goods should be produced under the public sector (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five principals of public expenditure (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the role played by public enterprises in developing countries like Kenya. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the arguments' advanced against the policy of progressive taxation (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) The characteristics of a good tax system do not end with canon of taxation, but there are some other determination or factors which can also influence the nature of a good tax system. Discuss (10 marks)
- b) List five differences between private expenditure and public expenditure (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss five advantages of indirect tax (10 marks)
- b) Why is it that in a supposedly private enterprises economy, a substitute part of the economy is subject to some form of government direction, rather than left to the "invisible hand" of market forces (10 marks)