

4/ECO-250 Syllabus-2023

2026

(May-June)

FYUP : 4th Semester Examination

ECONOMICS

(Public Economics)

(ECO-250)

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. Discuss the significance of Public Economics, and explain its role in promoting economic development. 8+7=15
2. Examine the importance of income distribution and stabilization policies in maintaining economic stability in an economy. 15
3. Analyse the regulatory functions of government and their significance. Explain why regulation is necessary in modern market economy. 8+7=15

UNIT—II

4. What are national and local public goods? Explain how they differ in nature and provision. $8+7=15$
5. Explain the concept of market failure, and critically discuss why the provision of public goods often requires government intervention. $5+10=15$
6. Write notes on the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
 - (a) Merit and club goods
 - (b) Social and private costs

UNIT—III

7. Explain the ability-to-pay, benefit and cost-of-service principles of taxation. Discuss their importance in tax system. $4+3+3+5=15$
8. Discuss the concept of excess burden of taxation, and explain how it affects economic efficiency. $5+10=15$
9. Analyse the structure and growth of public expenditure in India, and discuss how it serves as a catalyst for economic development. 15

UNIT—IV

10. Explain the concepts of budget deficit, fiscal deficit and primary deficit. Discuss their significance for economic policy. $9+6=15$

11. Discuss the objectives and instruments of fiscal policy in India. Explain the role of counter-cyclical fiscal policy in economic stabilization. $9+6=15$
12. Write notes on the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$
 - (a) Government budget and its structure
 - (b) Public debt and sources
