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END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **five** questions.
2. Answer three questions.
3. Answer Section A and any other **2** questions from section B.
4. Start each question on a new page.

SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

1. Using theoretical perspectives to public finance, discuss the arguments for and against public financing. Use illustrative examples to substantiate your claims. **[40 marks]**

SECTION B

2. The Covid-19 pandemic forced governments across the globe to introduce different measures to curb the spread of the virus. However, the lockdowns and associated shutdowns negatively affected economic development. The pandemic left many African countries with an indelible dent resulting from economic recession. As an Economic Analysis and Public Policy specialist, advise your government on how it can use fiscal and monetary policies to stimulate and revive economic development.
[30 marks]
3. The transfer of unfunded mandates has significantly crippled effective service delivery in many African countries. Critically examine this assertion and proffer recommendations for enhancing the implementation of fiscal decentralisation in Africa.
[30 marks]
4. Illicit Financial Flows (IFF) has become a wicked problem that many African countries are grappling with.
 - a) Define IFFs and highlight their major causes in Africa. **[10 marks]**
 - b) With the aid of illustrative examples, discuss the implications of IFFs on national development and proffer policy strategies to curb IFFs in Africa
[20 marks]
5. In Zimbabwe and South Africa, the Auditor Generals have done a fantastic job in unearthing irregularities in the utilisation of public resources. However, the rate at which the audit recommendations are being implemented has become a cause for concern. With the aid of illustrative examples from Zimbabwe and South Africa, outline and explain the factors influencing the implementation of the Audit General's recommendations. What should be done to improve the implementation of audit recommendations?
[30 marks]

END OF EXAMINATION
