

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR THE EXAM for PUB3705

1. Briefly discuss the various abilities (types of know-how) that are necessary for the proper management of public money. **(±10 minutes)**

2. Explain the difference between maximise and optimise. **(±6 minutes)**

5. Define the *People*. In what sense is it an abstract concept? **(±6 minutes)**

6. Discuss the ownership of public money. **(±15 minutes)**

12. Should the success of an accounting officer be measured by outputs or outcomes? Discuss the accountability for outcomes within financial management in detail. **(±20 minutes)**

13. What is meant by the following terms: “economy”, “effectiveness”, “efficiency”, “appropriateness”? In your explanation compare them with one another. **(±25 minutes)**

24. Write an essay on strategic planning in the public sector and relate it to budgeting. **(±30 minutes)**

24. Discuss prioritising for the budget in detail. In your answer distinguish between the three kinds of priorities, prioritising as decision-making and prioritising in practice. **(±30 minutes)**

29. The public sphere needs to be organised in a specific manner if there is to be accountability and transparency in the management of public money. Discuss the “separation of powers” and “intergovernmental fiscal relations” as facets of such an organisation. **(±20 minutes)**

31. Discuss the budget execution cycle in detail. In your answer focus on the objectives of budget execution and the consequences if the budget execution is not well controlled. **(±12 minutes)**

41. List and discuss the reporting responsibilities that an accounting officer in South Africa is obliged to report (on) in terms of legislation. **(±30 minutes)**

43. Describe a formula used to calculate preference points in South Africa. You may either reproduce a formula, or explain the arithmetic involved in broad terms. **(±12 minutes)**