ECONOMICS FOR FINANCE

Chapter 2 unit 1: Fiscal Functions

Questions

- 1. What is the rationale behind the exercise of fiscal functions by government?
- 2. Elucidate the need for an economic system for any society?
- 3. Explain Musgrave's taxonomy of the role of government in a market economy?
- 4. What do you understand by 'allocation function of government'?
- 5. Why do you consider 'resource allocation' crucial for any economy?
- 6. Describe why governments should perform the allocation function in an economy?
- 7. 'Market failures provide the rationale for governments' allocative function'. Elucidate
- 8. How does monopoly power affect efficiency of markets?
- 9. How do governments use budgeting for performing its allocative function
- 10. Mention four types of different allocation instruments available to governments to influence resource allocation in an economy.
- 11. Explain how government can get domestic producers produce more food grains?
- 12. Enumerate the circumstances which necessitate redistribution by government?
- 13. Illustrate with an example the redistribution effect of a tax and transfer policy.
- 14. What is the objective of government subsidy?
- 15. What reasons would you assign for the grant of employment reservations to socially backward communities?

- 16. What would be the objective of a government when it declares special schemes for backward regions?
- 17. What should be the public revenue and expenditure policy of the government during recession?
- 18. Describe the rationale for the stabilization function of government policy.
- 19. What do you understand by the 'Redistribution function' of the government? Do you consider it necessary? Why?
- 20. How do governments perform their redistribution function through budget?
- 21. What objectives do governments fulfil through redistribution function?
- 22. Give five specific examples of government intervention for redistribution
- 23. What is meant by 'efficiency costs' in connection with governments' redistribution function?
- 24. Do you think governments should refrain from redistribution function on account of efficiency costs?
- 25. Why do you consider stabilization function as an important role of the governments?
- 26. What is the role of governments towards bringing in economic stability?
- 27. What is 'contagion effect' in the context of economic instability?
- 28. Mention five important macro economic variables which are of concern in the stabilization function of the government?
- 29. 'The nature of the budget has important implications on a country's economic activity' Explain
- 30. What is meant by 'government failure'? Mention the likely causes of government failure?