



higher education & training

Department:
Higher Education and Training
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MARKING GUIDELINE

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

PUBLIC FINANCE N5

8 June 2026

This marking guideline consists of 6 pages.

SECTION A

QUESTION 1

1.1	1.1.1	B✓✓	(10 × 2)	(20)
	1.1.2	D✓✓		
	1.1.3	C✓✓		
	1.1.4	D✓✓		
	1.1.5	C✓✓		
	1.1.6	B✓✓		
	1.1.7	B✓✓		
	1.1.8	A✓✓		
	1.1.9	C✓✓		
	1.1.10	D✓✓		
1.2	1.2.1	False✓✓	(10 × 2)	(20)
	1.2.2	False✓✓		
	1.2.3	True✓✓		
	1.2.4	True✓✓		
	1.2.5	False✓✓		
	1.2.6	True✓✓		
	1.2.7	False✓✓		
	1.2.8	False✓✓		
	1.2.9	False✓✓		
	1.2.10	True✓✓		
1.3	1.3.1	South African Reserve Bank✓✓	(5 × 2)	(10) [50]
	1.3.2	National Revenue Fund✓✓		
	1.3.3	Consensus decision making✓✓		
	1.3.4	Urbanisation✓✓		
	1.3.5	Auditing✓✓		
TOTAL SECTION A:				50

SECTION B

QUESTION 2

- 2.1
- Control all transactions of department✓✓
 - Exercise budget control on daily basis✓✓
 - Have sound knowledge of financial matters✓✓
 - Provide internal procedures to ensure financial regulations are adhered to✓✓
 - Act as the main advisor to the accounting officer✓✓
 - Report any maladministration to the accounting officer✓✓
 - Responsible for administration and record keeping of department✓✓
- (Any 5 × 2) (10)
- 2.2
- Military defence function: defend state against enemy✓✓
 - Police: protection of life of individuals✓✓
 - Justice: administration of judicial system✓✓
 - Imprisonment: withdraw criminals from society for rehabilitation✓✓
 - State security: secure the safety of the state and citizens✓✓
 - Civil defence: assist community in case of disaster✓✓
 - Traffic police: secure road safety✓✓
- (Any 4 × 2) (8)
- 2.3
- Sewerage services✓✓
 - Issuing of permits✓✓
 - Electricity supply✓✓
 - Water supply✓✓
 - Trade licences✓✓
 - Property tax✓✓
- (Any 5 × 2) (10)
- 2.4
- Maintenance of law and order✓✓
 - Enforcement of contracts✓✓
 - Protection of private lives✓✓
 - Protection of private property✓✓
 - Defence of national community against enemies✓✓
- (Any 5 × 2) (10)
- 2.5
- Purchasing and safekeeping of all stock and materials✓✓
 - Collection/payment of all money due to and by the council✓✓
 - Registration of loans and interest payments of loans✓✓
 - Management of all funds and investments✓✓
 - Recording of all capital assets and depreciation✓✓
 - Keeping of financial records✓✓
- (Any 6 × 2) (12)
- [50]

QUESTION 3

- 3.1 3.1.1
 - Treasury should determine whether all government departments have properly motivated budget proposals.✓✓
 - It checks if the proposed expenditure is in agreement with the existing financial policy.✓✓
 - It considers the merits of any budget proposal by any governmental department.✓✓
 - If there are disputes between the Treasury and an accounting officer, the executive authority has the final say.✓✓ (Any 3 × 2) (6)
- 3.1.2
 - Controls the withdrawal of funds by all government departments.✓✓
 - Protects the taxpayers' interests.✓✓
 - Prevents wastage of money.✓✓
 - Ensures that monthly requisitions are correct.✓✓ (Any 3 × 2) (6)
- 3.2
 - Monies that are given by those who have money to those who don't have money.✓✓
 - Giving out funds for specific purpose.✓✓ (Any 1 × 2) (2)
- 3.3 Variable/Unlimited conditional grants✓
 - The grant varies from year to year, in compliance with adjustment considering cost factors.✓✓
 - This grant allows the receiving government to provide services and shift negative externalities without raising taxes.✓✓
 - This grant covers health, education, roads, and agriculture.✓✓
Fixed/Limited grants✓
 - The purpose of these grants is to lessen inequality and promote good intergovernmental cooperation.✓✓
 - These grants are easier to budget for as they are fixed.✓✓
 - These grants are used to supply certain services country wide on a uniform basis, such as provincial library services.✓✓ (Any 2 × 4) (8)
- 3.4
 - Fire protection✓✓
 - Education✓✓
 - Preventive health services✓✓
 - Oil and gas✓✓
 - Water and electricity✓✓ (Any 3 × 2) (6)
- 3.5 3.5.1
 - To encourage a policy of private initiative✓✓
 - To reduce excessive government spending✓✓
 - To lower the financial burden of government✓✓
 - To promote the efficient/effective utilisation of resources✓✓
 - To increase tax base✓✓ (Any 4 × 2) (8)

- 3.5.2
- Denationalisation✓ involves changing public enterprises into private ones.✓
 - Contracting out✓ to private entrepreneurs who actually deliver the services on behalf of government.✓
 - Deregulation✓ or removal of regulations and laws which protect monopolies.✓
 - Depoliticisation✓ means to separate important services from party politics.✓
 - Commercialising✓ is to remove services from the national budget.✓
- (Any 3 × 2) (6)

- 3.6
- Financial services:✓ every department has financial services✓
 - Personnel services:✓ supplying personnel✓
 - Office and secretarial services:✓ with the support of clerical services✓
 - Legal advisory services:✓ provide legal support✓
 - Organisational and work study:✓ reorganising hierarchal structures and personnel components✓
 - Resource supply services:✓ all departments need furniture and equipment✓
 - Accounting and auditing services:✓ keeping records of all financial transactions and accountability to taxpayers✓
- (Any 4 × 2) (8)
- [50]

QUESTION 4

- 4.1
- 4.1.1
- Inflation✓✓
 - Technological development✓✓
 - Political and social instability✓✓
 - Increase of social demands✓✓
 - National disasters✓✓
 - Allocation of extra functions
 - Urbanisation
- (Any 5 × 2) (10)
- 4.1.2
- Corrupt officials✓✓
 - Accepting bribes✓✓
 - Misuse and theft of money✓✓
 - Not taking care of resources✓✓
 - Not following correct procedures✓✓
 - Negative attitude
 - Urbanisation
- (Any 3 × 2) (6)

4.2	• Creation of work opportunities✓✓ • Promoting trade with foreign countries through official visits✓✓ • Economic development planning to secure an increase in gross domestic product✓✓ • Stimulating export production✓✓ • Stimulating import substitution production✓✓ • Assisting new entrepreneurs for commercial development✓✓	(10)
4.3	• Licensing of activities and professions✓✓ • Awarding operational rights by permits✓✓ • Securing competition✓✓ • Regulating minimum employment conditions for workers✓✓ • Awarding economic rights✓✓	(10)
4.4	• Keeping of all records of income and expenses✓✓ • Taking care of the money collected✓✓ • Spending money honestly and responsibly✓✓ • Spending money effectively and efficiently✓✓	(Any 3 × 2) (6)
4.5	Is an examination of financial transactions/records✓✓	(2)
4.6	• Accounting audit:✓ examination of financial records✓ • Appropriation audit:✓ audit records to see whether funds were spent within a financial year✓ • Performance audit: looks on efficiency,✓ economy, possible waste, and greater efficiency✓	(Any 3 × 2) (6)
		[50]
TOTAL SECTION B:		150
GRAND TOTAL:		200