



Midterm
EXAMINATION
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AUTHORIZED MEMORANDA

BAlI Plus calculator.

FORMULAS

$$FV = PV(1 + r)^t; \quad PV = \frac{FV}{(1 + r)^t}; \quad EAR = \left(1 + \frac{APR}{m}\right)^m - 1;$$

$$PV = PMT \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{(1+r)^t}}{r} \right) + \frac{FV}{(1+r)^t}; \quad P_0 = \frac{D_1}{1+r} + \frac{D_2}{(1+r)^2} + \dots;$$

$$P_0 = \frac{D}{r}; \quad P_0 = \frac{D_0(1+g)}{r-g} = \frac{D_1}{r-g}; \quad R = \frac{D_1}{P_0} + g;$$

$$P_0 = \frac{D_1}{1+r} + \frac{D_2}{(1+r)^2} + \dots + \frac{D_t}{(1+r)^t} + \frac{P_t}{(1+r)^t}; \quad P_t = \frac{D_{t+1}}{r-g};$$

PART A: MULTIPLE CHOICE (8 QUESTIONS - 24 MARKS)

- [3] Q1. Which one of the following best illustrates the agency problem?
- (a) an employee offers a suggestion which will save the company money and reduce the stress of his job.
 - (b) the company creates a management bonus program whereby managers are rewarded when the market price of the firm's stock rises.
 - (c) management rejects a merger which was desired by the shareholders.
 - (d) management expands its operations overseas which is favorably received by the financial markets.
- [3] Q2. It is easiest to raise capital for a project under which form of business organization?
- (a) Sole proprietorship.
 - (b) Corporation.
 - (c) General partnership.
 - (d) Limited partnership.
- [3] Q3. In order to compare different investment opportunities (each with the same risk) with interest rates reported in different manners you should:
- (a) Convert each interest rate to an annual nominal rate.
 - (b) Convert each interest rate to a monthly nominal rate.
 - (c) Convert each interest rate to an effective annual rate.
 - (d) Compare them by using the published annual rates.
- [3] Q4. Interest rates or rates of return on investment that have been adjusted for the effects of inflation are called:
- (a) Real rates. (b) Nominal rates. (c) Effective rates. (d) Stripped rates.

[3] Q5. The rate of return earned by an investor who purchases a bond today and holds it for the remainder of the term is called the:

- (a) Coupon rate. (b) Compound rate. (c) Yield to maturity. (d) Yield to market.

[3] Q6. Which of the following is true about the differences between debt and common stock?

- (a) Debt is ownership in a firm but equity is not.
(b) Creditors have voting power while stockholders do not.
(c) Periodic payments made to both are tax deductible for the issuer.
(d) Interest payments are promised while dividend payments are not.

[3] Q7. Koji invested \$3,300 at 7.75% interest. After a period of time he withdrew \$9,383.31. How long did Koji have his money invested?

- (a) 13 years. (b) 14 years. (c) 15 years. (d) 16 years.

[3] Q8. You need to borrow \$18,000 to buy a truck. The current loan rate is 9.9% compounded monthly and you want to pay the loan off in equal monthly payments over five years. What is the size of your monthly payment?

- (a) \$363.39. (b) \$374.04. (c) \$381.56. (d) \$394.69.

PART B: WRITTEN PROBLEMS (2 QUESTIONS - 22 MARKS)**[8] Q9. Bonds**

[4] (a) A General Co. bond has an 8 percent coupon and pays interest annually. The face value is \$1,000 and the current market price is \$1,020.50. The bond matures in 20 years. What is the yield to maturity?

[4] (b) Sara wants to buy a zero coupon bond that will pay her \$1,000 ten years from today. How much should Sara pay today to buy this bond if she wants to earn 7.5% on her investment?

[14] Q10. Stocks

- [4] (a) The Brown Company just announced that it will be increasing its annual dividend to \$1.68 next year and that future dividends will be increased by 2.5% annually. How much would you be willing to pay for one share of the Brown Company stock if you require a 12% rate of return?
- [4] (b) The common stock of J. K. Laminates sells for \$32.60 a share. The stock is expected to pay \$2.10 per share next month when the annual dividend is distributed. J. K.'s has established a pattern of increasing its dividends by 3.5 percent annually and expects to continue doing so. What is the market rate of return on this stock?
- [6] (c) Massey Motors is a new firm in a rapidly growing industry. The company is planning on increasing its annual dividend by 10 percent a year for the next 3 years and then decreasing the growth rate to 4 percent per year. The company just paid its annual dividend in the amount of \$1.00 per share. What is the current value of one share of this stock if the required rate of return is 13.75 percent?