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**ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (RISK) 202)**

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This paper comprises two sections, A and B.

Section A consists of forty multiple choice questions that each counts 1 mark. The answers to these questions must be indicated on the mark-reading sheet provided. Write your student number and the unique number **489183** on the mark-reading sheet

Section B comprises THREE paragraph/calculation type questions. Each question counts 10 marks. Section B must be answered in the designated areas on pages 11 to 15.

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**SECTION A: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS**

**This section consists of 40 multiple choice questions. Use the mark-reading sheet provided to indicate your answers.**

- 1 If we do not define risk when we speak about it, people will
  - 1 understand what risk is and what it involves
  - 2 not have any understanding of risk whatsoever
  - 3 tend to avoid talking about risk
  - 4 have different perceptions of risk
  
- 2 Indicate the **correct** statement
  - 1 The area under a curve of a continuous process is equal to 10%
  - 2 The most widely used measure of central tendency is the variance
  - 3 When the probabilities of all the possible outcomes are exactly the same, the mean and the expected value will differ
  - 4 If all possible outcomes and associated probabilities are known, a continuous probability distribution can be developed
  
- 3 The standard deviation is
  - 1 a measure of central tendency
  - 2 a measure of dispersion around the expected value
  - 3 obtained by multiplying each outcome by the probability of its occurrence
  - 4 a measure of dispersion useful in comparing the risk of probability distributions with different expected returns
  
- 4 If a person requires greater return when risk increases, that person is said to be
  - 1 risk-seeking
  - 2 risk-indifferent
  - 3 risk-averse
  - 4 risk-aware
  
- 5 Interest rate volatility is an example of a risk to financial institutions
  - 1 systematic core business
  - 2 operational
  - 3 incidental business
  - 4 downside

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- 6 Indicate the **incorrect** statement
- 1 Operational risk is the exposure of an enterprise to losses resulting from external failures or shortcomings of people, processes and system
  - 2 An example of people risk is fraud and theft
  - 3 Poor data integrity is an example of systems risk
  - 4 Process risk is the risk of a business process being inadequate and causing unexpected losses
- 7 Corporate governance is defined in its broadest sense as
- 1 an informal system of accountability of the board of directors to shareholders
  - 2 an informal and formal relationship between the corporate sector and its stakeholders
  - 3 a formal system of accountability of the board of directors to stakeholders
  - 4 a formal system of accountability of the board of directors to shareholders
- 8 Which of the following aspects is **not** governed in terms of the Companies Act 61 of 1973?
- 1 Allocation of share capital to directors
  - 2 Shareholding of directors
  - 3 Liability of directors in case a company acts unlawfully or in bad faith
  - 4 Responsibility of company towards stakeholders
- 9 risk management approach effectively integrates the efforts of operating managers with activities of risk managers
- 1 Traditional
  - 2 Business
  - 3 Enterprise
  - 4 Operational
- 10 The emergence of new risk management tools and processes includes increasingly effective
- a processes for risk identification
  - b measurement tools
  - c information tools
  - d scenario analysis and planning
- Choose the **correct** combination
- 1 a,b,c
  - 2 b,c,d
  - 3 a,c,d
  - 4 a,b,c,d

## 11 Alternative risk transfer techniques (ART)

- 1 developed from a need for a less sophisticated approach to risk financing
- 2 do not apply to large catastrophic risks
- 3 involve the transfer of risk to capital markets
- 4 exclude derivative instruments

## 12 The following factors contribute to the successful implementation of Enterprise risk management (ERM)

- a Treating ERM as a stand-alone process
- b Strong and visible support from senior managers
- c Proceeding incrementally and leveraging early wins
- d Learning from experience

Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,b,c,
- 2 b,c,d
- 3 a,c,d
- 4 a,b,c,d

## 13 In assessing risk it is important to consider

- a the top risks faced by the enterprise
- b the risks attached to intangible assets crucial to value creation
- c the root causes of the identified risks
- d time horizons for the development of risk maps

Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,b,c
- 2 b,c,d
- 3 a,c,d
- 4 a,b,c,d

## 14 According to the Process Champion oversight structure

- 1 the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) works in a consultative capacity
- 2 the CRO personally manages particular risks
- 3 the CRO oversees management of market- and credit risks only
- 4 certain identified functional groups report directly to the Chief Risk Officer

## 15 External downside risks include amongst others

- 1 process risks
- 2 labour action risks
- 3 interest rate changes
- 4 changes in consumer demands

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16 ... is characterised by identified outcomes and unknown probabilities

- 1 Certainty
- 2 Objective uncertainty
- 3 Subjective uncertainty
- 4 Uncertainty

17 Probability distributions

- a can be developed for risky events by using simulations
- b involve underlying concepts such as central tendency and variation
- c can be depicted as bar charts
- d is a model that relates probabilities to the associated outcomes

Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,b,c
- 2 b,c,d
- 3 d only
- 4 a,b,c,d

18 A properly designed risk framework for formulating a common language for an enterprise serves the following purposes

- a Prioritizing and collecting of information
- b Categorising risks
- c Formulation of a common language
- d Identification and prioritising risk exposures

Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,b,c,d
- 2 a,b,c
- 3 a,c,d
- 4 b,c,d

19 Core business risk of a retail organisation include

- a resource risks
- b sales variability
- c interest rate risks
- d operational risks

Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,b,c,d
- 2 a,b,d
- 3 c,d
- 4 a,b

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- 20 A security guard on duty falls asleep during his shift. During this time period the business is robbed of R100 000.

In the light of the aforementioned, indicate the **correct** statement

- 1 The robbery is regarded as a peril
- 2 The sleeping security guard is regarded as a peril
- 3 The sleeping security guard is regarded as the risk
- 4 The robbery is regarded as the hazard

- 21 Which of the following methods can be used to determine the frequency of possible losses?

- a "Pareto" rule
- b Accumulation
- c "As if" analysis
- d Incident reporting

Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 All of the above
- 2 a,b,c
- 3 b,c
- 4 a,d

- 22 Frequent losses of low priced stationery items can ideally be funded through

- 1 insurance
- 2 reserve funds
- 3 cash flow
- 4 captives

- 23 Where there is little information available on a risk exposure the following measure can be used to evaluate the frequency of potential losses

- 1 Maximum possible loss
- 2 National trends
- 3 "As-if" analysis
- 4 "Pareto" rule

- 24 By studying organisational charts, the risk manager will be able to assess

- a the extent to which control is centralised or decentralised
- b the interdependencies of different processes in the organisation
- c key personnel
- d bottlenecks in the production process

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Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,b,c,d
- 2 a,c
- 3 b,d
- 4 b,c,d

25 Indicate the **correct** statement

- 1 Insured gross profit in terms of business interruption refers to net profit plus standing charges
- 2 Rent is normally not covered under business interruption events
- 3 Increased costs to regain sales after a loss event are not covered in terms of business interruption insurance
- 4 Leasing charges are classified as variable costs in terms of business interruption events

26 Indicate the **correct** statement

- 1 A consumer of a commodity can hedge against a rise in the price of the commodity by buying a put option on the commodity
- 2 A call option is an option to sell an asset at a specific price at a specific date
- 3 American options can be exercised on their expiry date only
- 4 In the case of a put option, the premium paid must be deducted from the amount received for the asset in order to determine the profit position of the holder of the option

27 A person buys an option for R50,00 to sell an asset for R10,000 Four months after the option was written the market price of the asset increased to R11,000

With regard to the aforementioned scenario, the investor will

- 1 exercise the option and make a profit of R1 000,00
- 2 exercise the option and make a profit of R950,00
- 3 exercise the option and therefore do not have to pay the premium
- 4 benefit by not exercising the option

**USE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ANSWER QUESTIONS 28 TO 30**

An organisation uses short-term finance by issuing bankers' acceptances The treasurer expects short-term interest rates to rise and wants to hedge the next BA-rollover by buying a FRA at 15,85% Assume the following applies

Nominal amount	R1 000 000
Rollover date	15 August
Settlement date	15 April
Spot rate on 15 August	18,5%
FRA spot (bid/offer)	15,0/15,5%
Number of days in the year	365

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28. The cost of the issuing of the banker's acceptances will be

- 1 R60 821,92
- 2 R38 219,18
- 3 R50 958,91
- 4 R45 616,44

29 In order to lock in a discount rate of 15,5%

- 1 the company will have to receive an amount of R7 397,26 from the other party to the transaction
- 2 the company will have to pay over an amount of R7 397,26 to the other party of the transaction
- 3 the business will have to receive an amount of R9 863,01 from the other party to the transaction
- 4 the company will have to pay over an amount of R9 863,01 to the other party of the transaction

30 The cost of the roll-over to the company (holder of the FRA) amounts to

- 1 R45 616,44
- 2 R50 958,91
- 3 R41 095,90
- 4 R53 013,70

31 Suppose borrower A can obtain R2 million for ten years at a floating rate of prime plus 0,80% but that he has to pay a fixed rate of 20% on a debenture for the same term Borrower B, can borrow floating funds at the prime rate and fixed rate funds at 16% Borrower A and B agree to enter into a swap agreement in which Borrower A agrees to pay an additional 3% interest premium to Borrower B

With regard to the aforementioned scenario, indicate the **correct** statement

- 1 The effective cost of the floating funds of Borrower B is reduced by 2,2%
- 2 The total interest cost of Borrower A will be 16% on the total amount of R2 million
- 3 Both borrowers gain 1% by entering to the swap agreement
- 4 Borrower B gains 3% by entering to the swap agreement

32 Speculative risk control strategies rely inter alia on proactive functional management strategies focussing on

- a marketing
- b hedging
- c procurement
- d finance

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Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,b,c,d
- 2 a,b,c
- 3 a,c,d
- 4 b,d

33 Indicate the **correct** statement

- 1 Swaps may be used to increase the effective interest cost of borrowing
- 2 Parties to interest rate swaps exchange the capital sums involved, adjusted for the differences in interest rates
- 3 The result of a swap is the swapping of interest obligations As well as the risk of inherent interest rate changes
- 4 Swaps may be used to decrease the realised yield on an investment

34 Forward contracts

- 1 are highly liquid instruments
- 2 are over- the- counter instruments
- 3 carry lower credit risk
- 4 are traded on a formal exchange

35 Indicate the **correct** statement

- 1 Interest rate collars specify both a rate cap and rate floor around a contracted loan rate
- 2 An investor of funds seeking protection from falling interest rates will typically buy a Forward Rate Agreement (FRA)
- 3 Interest rate caps protect both the lender and borrower against interest rate fluctuations.
- 4 An investor of funds seeking protection from rising interest rates will typically sell a FRA

36 Reporting on the risk profile, business performance and risk implications usually forms part of the risk report

- 1 daily
- 2 monthly
- 3 quarterly
- 4 annual

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## 37 Value-at-risk limits

- 1 aim at containing the sensitivity of positions to changes in specific factors at portfolio, business unit or any other organisational level
- 2 are usually set in the context of acceptable cumulative losses within a defined period in relation to some specified level of capital
- 3 determine the total possible value exposed to risk, given a certain confidence level
- 4 are used to monitor portfolio risk levels under extreme market conditions

## 38 Risk monitoring processes are generally applied to

- a determine changes in the risk profile of an organisation
- b identify emerging risks
- c evaluate risk management performance
- d measure the adequacy of risk control measures

Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,c,d
- 2 a,b
- 3 c,d
- 4 a,b,c,d

## 39 The following performance standards are generally applied by organisations to measure risk management performance

- a budgets
- b schedules
- c hurdle rates
- d "At risk" frameworks

Choose the **correct** combination

- 1 a,b,c,d
- 2 a,b,c
- 3 c,d
- 4 a,b

40 Indicate the **correct** statement

- 1 Aggregation methods provide a qualitative means to transfer, avoid and securitise risk
- 2 Aggregation is a way to summarise an extremely simple set of rules
- 3 Risks of which the mutual relationships are not known are pooled in order to manage them better
- 4 Aggregation of multiple risks improves reporting and capital allocation

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**SECTION B: PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS AND CALCULATIONS**

**Question 1 (10 marks)**

Champion Breweries must choose between two asset purchases. The annual rate of return and related probabilities given below summarise the firm's analysis.

Asset A		Asset B	
Rate of return %	Probability %	Rate of return%	Probability %
10	30	5	40
15	40	15	20
20	30	25	40

**1.1 For each asset, calculate the following:**

**NOTE: PLEASE SHOW ALL CALCULATIONS**

**1.1.1 expected rate of return**


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**1.1.2 standard deviation of the expected return**


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1 1 3 the **coefficient of variation** of the return

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1 2 Recommend which asset Champion should select? Give reasons for your choice

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