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BANKING INTRODUCTION TO TREASURY MANAGEMENT

Duration 2 Hours

70 Marks

EXAMINERS

FIRST

SECOND

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Use of a non-programmable pocket calculator is permissible

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This paper consists of 9 pages.

Answer all 4 questions on the examination paper in the space provided.

Question 1
(10 marks)

Each correct answer in this section will be awarded ONE mark, and there is only one correct choice for your answer. Indicate the most correct statement by selecting between A, B, C and D. Do NOT use a mark-reading sheet – just write down the correct answer in the table at the end of the section.

Answer the following questions by selecting the correct option between A, B, C or D.

- 1 There is a trade-off problem between liquidity and
- A. risk exposure
 - B safety
 - C profitability
 - D efficiency
- 2 An announcement by Apple Inc. that its earnings are going to be negative for the year would likely cause an increase in which of the following?
- A The risk free rate
 - B The default risk premium
 - C The liquidity risk premium
 - D The inflation risk premium
- 3 The Combank has Rand interest sensitive assets of R450 million and Rand interest sensitive liabilities of R280 million. If interest rates rise, what is likely to happen to the net interest margin of this bank?
- A Net interest margin is likely to rise
 - B Net interest margin is likely to fall
 - C. Net interest margin is likely to stay the same
 - D The impact on net interest margin cannot be determined from this information
- 4 The probability that the bank will not have sufficient cash and borrowing capacity to meet depositors' demands for cash and loan demand is referred to as
- A credit risk
 - B liquidity risk
 - C capital risk
 - D interest rate risk
- 5 The probability that some of a bank's assets, especially its loans, will decline in value is referred to as
- A credit risk
 - B liquidity risk
 - C operational risk
 - D interest rate risk

- 6 An investor must keep a certain amount in their account during the entire period they are holding a futures contract. This is called
- A the maintenance margin
 - B being marked to market daily
 - C going short
 - D going long
- 7 The change in a bank's net income that occurs due to changes in interest rates equals the overall change in market interest rates (in percentage points) times the
- A volume of interest-sensitive assets
 - B price risk of the bank's assets
 - C price risk of the bank's liabilities
 - D size of the bank's cumulative gap
- 8 At the end of each day, a trader in futures contracts has any gain deposited in their account at the exchange and any loss withdrawn from their account. This process is called
- A the maintenance margin
 - B being marked to market daily
 - C going long
 - D going short
- 9 Which of the following gives the investor the right to sell a security at a set price in the future?
- A A futures contract
 - B A put option
 - C A call option
 - D A swap contract
- 10 An investor wants to trade his fixed rate debt payments for variable rate debt payments. Which of the following would allow him to do this?
- A A futures contract
 - B A put option
 - C A call option
 - D A swap contract

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- 5 You bought £10 000 000 at 1,4790 against the dollar early in the day. You hold the position, and revalue the position at 1,4510. Calculate your profit or a loss (2)

Question 3
(20 marks)

- 1 Combank has posted interest revenues of R53 million and interest costs from all its borrowings of R22 million. If the bank possesses R600 million in total earning assets, calculate the net interest margin of Combank (4)

- 2 Define the term "life-line" banking and explain why it should particularly be promoted in South Africa. What pressures does life-line banking impose on banks and other financial institutions? (4)

1b) Explain why there is an inverse relationship between bond prices and yields (4)

1c) Differentiate between zero coupon bonds and fixed interest bonds Also identify the specific advantages and risks of these bonds for investors (6)

TOTAL 70 MARKS