2017

MBA

3rd Semester Examination

FINANCIAL ENGINEERING

(Specialisation: Financial Management)

PAPER-F-308

Full Marks: 100

Time: 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1. Answer any eight questions:

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- (a) What is financial engineering? Distinguish between conceptual tools and physical tools which are used in financial engineering.
- (b) Briefly explain the financial engineering process while developing new products or solutions.
- (c) Discuss any two innovations that took place in equity products.

- (d) Write short notes on :
 - (i) zero coupon bond;
 - (ii) secured premium notes.
- (e) Describe the salient features of repo transactions.
- (f) Distinguish between forward contract and future contract.
- (g) Liquidity risk arises out of maturity mismatch of assets and liabilities. Explain.
- (h) Alpha Ltd. is contemplating conversion of 8% convertible debentures of ₹ 1000 each. At present, it has 500 such debentures outstanding. The market price of the debenture is. ₹ 1080. The debenture indenture provides that one debenture will be converted into 10 shares. The price earnings ratio before redemption is 20 : 1 and anticipated price earnings ratio after redemption is 25 : 1.

The number of shares outstanding prior to redemption was 10,000. Earnings before interest and taxes amounted to ₹ 2,00,000. The company is in the 50% tax bracket. Should the company convert its debentures into shares?

- (i) (i) State the characteristics of interest-rate swap.
 - (ii) A has floating rate funds on which it is paying LIBOR + 0.3 percent. But it could borrow fixed rate debt at 10.50 percent to be computed half-yearly. B has fixed-rate debt on which it is paying 9.5 percent. But it could borrow floating rate funds at 6 months LIBOR flat. Can the two parties go for interest-rate swap? If so, indicate the gain accuring to them including swap dealer.

21/2+21/2

- (i) Explain Moody's KMV approach relating to delet management.
 - (ii) Consider the following figures for a company.

Book value of all liabilities: \$ 2.4 billion

Estimated default point, D: \$ 1.9 billion

Market value of equity : \$ 11.3 billion

Market value of firm : \$ 13.8 billion

Volatility of firm value : 20%

Find out the probability of default. 3+2

(k) Make clear distinctions between spot market and forward market.

(1) Suppose spot rate on April is 1.785/£. Pound futures contract is sold at \$1.790 for June delivery and at \$1.785 for September delivery. Expecting that pound be depreciate fast after June, a speculator buys the former and sells the latter. Later, he finds that pound may appreciate by June but may not depreciate subsequently. So he reverses the two contracts respectively at \$1.78 and \$1.76. Suppose the exchange rate on both the maturity dates is \$1.795/£.

Find how much the speculator gains / losses.

2. Answer any four questions:

4×10

- (a) Describe any five factors that contribute to the growth of Financial Engineering. 2×5
- (b) Explain the undermentioned terms in the context of foreign exchange market:
 - (i) Bid-Ask Rates; and
 - (ii) Direct and Indirect Quote.
- (c) (i) State the assumption of Black-Scholes Model for option valuation.
 - (ii) Calculate the value of a call option using the B-S model from the given information:

Current market price of the shares(s) : ₹ 75

Volatility (v) : 0.45

Exercise price (E) : $\stackrel{?}{\cdot}$ 80

Risk-free rate (r_f) : 0.12

Time to expiration (t) : 6 months

If an investor wants to buy a put with the same exercise price and expiration date as call option, what will be the value of put?

[Given—CDF for standard Normal Random Variable: N(0.1344) = 0.5534, N(-0.1838) = 0.4271] 5+5

- (d) (i) What is marking to market? State the margin system followed in futures trading.
 - (ii) Find out the size of variation margin call of a Euro futures contract with the help of the following data:
 - (1) I Euro futures contract.
 - (2) Spot price is US \$ 1.50 / Euro.
 - (3) 0.0040 is standard deviation of daily changes in the price of futures price.
 - (4) Probability of exhausion is 0.05.
 - (5) Number of days is 9 for which calculation is to be made: 2+3+5
- (e) Explain in brief, probability of default, exposure at default and recovery rate in the context of credit risk management.

(f) Describe delta hedge, cross hedge and delta-cross hedge in the market for currency futures.

[Internal Assessment: 20 Marks]