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Exam A

QUESTION 1

Case Facts as on March 31, 2012

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As a credit analyst on March 31, 2012, which of the following sets of risks are you going to put in your credit appraisal note?

- A. Off-take risk, Cost and Time over run risk, lack of management experience in such big projects.
- B. Lack of management experience in large projects, Exchange rate risks, Cost and time over run risks.
- C. Cost and Time over run risk, lack of management experience in such big projects.
- D. Obsolete technology risk, political risks and Cost and time over run risks

Correct Answer: C

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After the developments of March 31, 2015, assuming revenues are directly linked to the power production and the EBITDA margins remain intact for the year, as were projected, compute the revised interest coverage ratio for FY17 and FY18?

- A. FY17: 0.90; FY18: 1.85
- B. FY17: 1.85; FY18: 2.93
- C. FY17: 0.49; FY18: 0.97
- D. FY17: 1.80; FY18: 2.78

Correct Answer: B

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As a credit rating analyst on September 30, 2015, on receipt of the high court order, what rating action you will take:

- A. Put ratings on rating watch.
- B. Change rating outlook for long term to negative.
- C. No action, wait for order if higher courts or hearing on November 30, 2015.
- D. Immediately downgrade ratings of SPV.

Correct Answer: A

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On receiving the credit proposal, the banker informed the company that in FY17 the DSCR is below unity, which is not acceptable to bank. Which of the following is correct?

- A. Had the cash accruals be more by INR50 Million, DSCR would have been unity. SPV can provide an implicit credit enhancement for the same from MCC.
- B. Had the cash accruals be more by INR8 Million, DSCR would have been unity. SPV can provide an implicit credit enhancement for the same from MCC. C. Had the cash accruals be more by INR8 Million, DSCR would have been unity, SPV can provide an explicit credit enhancement for the same from MCC.
- D. Had the cash accruals be more by INR12 Million, DSCR would have been unity. SPV can provide an explicit credit enhancement for the same from MCC.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

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QUESTION 5

Scott is a credit analyst with one of the credit rating agencies in India. He was looking in Oil and Gas Industry companies and has presented brief financials for following 4 entities:

Particulars	A Ltd	B Ltd	C Ltd	D Ltd
Total Income	2000	2400	3000	3500
EBITDA	500	550	650	460
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Total Debt	1000	1400	1000	1500

Two credit analysts are discussing the DM-approach to credit risk modeling. They make the following statements:

Analyst A: A portfolio's standard deviation of credit losses can be determined by considering the standard deviation of credit losses of individual exposures in the portfolio and summing them all up.

Analyst B: I do not fully agree with that. Apart from individual standard deviations, one also needs to consider the correlation of the exposure with the rest of the portfolio so as to account for diversification effects. Higher correlations among credit exposures will lead to higher standard deviation of the overall portfolio.

- A. Only Analyst A is correct
- B. Both are correct
- C. Only Analyst B is correct
- D. Both are incorrect

Correct Answer: C

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Giving equal weightage to all three ratios, determine which of the above entities should be rated highest on a relative scale.

- A. C Ltd
- B. A Ltd
- C. D Ltd
- D. B Ltd

Correct Answer: C

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Which of the following statements is incorrect?

- A. B Ltd has higher EBITDA margins as compared to C Ltd.
- B. D Ltd has higher EBITDA margins as compared to B Ltd.
- C. C Ltd has worst total debt to EBITDA ratio.
- D. B Ltd has worst interest coverage ratio.

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

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QUESTION 8

Following is information related banks:

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Profit and Loss Account

Particulars	FY11	FY12	FY13
Interest on advances bills	124,000	182,000	283,000
Interest on investments	15,000	18,000	14,000
Interest on balances with Banking Regulator and other inter-bank funds	1,100	1,000	1,700
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Balance Sheet

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Balances with Banks and Money at Call and Short Notice	745,000	789,000	1194,000
Investments	598,000	689,000	1139,000
Advances	1432,000	1709,000	2485,000
Fixed Assets	223,000	234,000	245,000
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Capital	31,000	31,000	42,000
Reserves and Surplus	294,000	370,000	1154,000
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The rating wise break-up of assets for FY11 is as follows:

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AA	530,000
A	220,000
BBB	150,000
BB and below	310,000
Unrated	102,000
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The core spreads for FY13 as compared to FY12 have:

- A. Expanded by 136 bps
- B. Contracted by 327 bps
- C. Contracted by 136 bps
- D. Expanded by 191 bps

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- A. 0.7%, 0.3%
- B. 7%; 2%
- C. 2.3%; 0.7%

D. 1.9%; 0.6%

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TOTAL	3685,000	4511,000	6803,000

Liabilities	March 31 2011	March 31 2012	March 31 2013
Capital	31,000	31,000	42,000
Reserves and Surplus	294,000	370,000	1154,000
Deposits	2100,000	2120,000	2450,000
Borrowings	960,000	1590,000	2657,000
Other Liabilities and Provisions	300,000	400,000	500,000
TOTAL	3685,000	4511,000	6803,000

The rating wise break-up of assets for FY11 is as follows:

Rating	FY11
AAA	120,000
AA	530,000
A	220,000
BBB	150,000
BB and below	310,000
Unrated	102,000
Total	1432,000

Cost to income ratio is best for which year

- A. FY13
- B. FY11

- C. Same FY11 and FY12
- D. FY12

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 11

Following is information related banks:

Auckland Ltd is a public sector bank operating with about 120 branches across India. The bank has been in business since 1971 and has about 40% branches in rural areas and about 75% of all branches are in Western India. On the basis of the size, Auckland Ltd will be ranked at number 31 amongst 40 banks in India. Although top management has appointment period of 5 years, generally they retire on each serving age of 60 years with an average tenure of only 2 years at the top job.

Profit and Loss Account

Particulars	FY11	FY12	FY13
Interest on advances bills	124,000	182,000	283,000
Interest on investments	15,000	18,000	14,000
Interest on balances with Banking Regulator and other inter-bank funds	1,100	1,000	1,700
Other interest income	40,000	49,000	54,000
Other Income	80,000	95,000	99,000
Total Income	260,100	345,000	451,700
Interest expenses	105,000	148,000	235,000
Operating expenses	23,000	28,000	32,000
Total expenditure	128,000	176,000	267,000
Operating Profit	155,100	197,000	216,700
Provisions	72,000	102,000	174,000
Profit before tax	83,100	95,000	42,700
Tax	16,600	19,000	8,500
Profit after Tax	66,500	76,000	34,200

Balance Sheet

Assets	March 31 2011	March 31 2012	March 31 2013
Cash and Balances with Reserve Bank of India	120,000	420,000	770,000
Balances with Banks and Money at Call and Short Notice	745,000	789,000	1194,000
Investments	598,000	689,000	1139,000
Advances	1432,000	1709,000	2485,000
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Computer risk weighted assets for Auckland Ltd for FY11:

- A. 10,10,000 Million
- B. 13,24,500 Million

- C. 11,64,500 Million
- D. 11,60,000 Million

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 12

Ms. Mary Brown is a credit rating analyst. She had prepared a detailed report on one of her client, FlyHigh Airlines Ltd, a company operating chartered aircrafts in India. As she was heading for a meeting with her superior on the matter, coffee spilled over her set of prepared paper(s). As she was getting late for meeting, instead of preparing entire set she could recollect few numbers from her memory and reconstructed following partial financial table:



Period Ended	FY10	FY11	FY12
Working Results			
Total Income			
EBITDA			
Interest			
Depreciation	20.00	25.00	30.00
Effective Tax Rate	20%	24%	25%
PBT			
PAT			
Financial Position			
Net Worth	370.00	430.00	535.67
Total Debt	743.00		
Ratios			
Growth			
Growth in Total Income (%)		25%	15%
Growth in EBITDA (%)		30%	20%
Growth in PAT (%)		20%	
Profitability			
EBITDA Margins		32%	
PAT Margins			
RONW			
Solvency			
Overall Gearing Ratio		2.2	
Interest coverage ratio	3.2		3.1
Total Debt / EBITDA		4.5	5.2

What is Total Income FY10 and FY12?

- A. FY10: INR400 Million; FY12:INR575 Million
- B. FY10: INR525.56 Million; FY12: INR755.49 Million
- C. Insufficient Information to compute
- D. FY10: INR656.94 Million; FY12: INR821.18 Million

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

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Growth in EBITDA (%)		30%	20%
Growth in PAT (%)		20%	
Profitability			
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PAT Margins			
RONW			
Solvency			
Overall Gearing Ratio		2.2	
Interest coverage ratio	3.2		3.1
Total Debt / EBITDA		4.5	5.2

Compute Interest for FY10 and FY12?

- A. Insufficient Information to compute
- B. FY10: INR50.53 Million; FY12: INR81.38 Million
- C. FY10: INR161.71 Million; FY12: INR252.27 Million
- D. FY10: INR17.47 Million; FY12: INR782.03 Million

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 14

Satish Dhawan, a veteran fixed income trader is conducting interviews for the post of a junior fixed income trader. He interviewed four candidates Adam, Balkrishnan, Catherine and Deepak and following are the answers to his questions.

Question 1: Tell something about Option Adjusted Spread

Adam: OAS is applicable only to bond which do not have any options attached to it. It is for the plain bonds.

Balkrishna: In bonds with embedded options, AS reflects not only the credit risk but also reflects prepayment risk over and above the benchmark.

Catherine: Since spreads are calculated to know the level of credit risk in the bond, OAS is difference between in the Z spread and price of a call option for a callable bond.

Deepak: For callable bond OAS will be lower than Z Spread.

Question 2: This is a spread that must be added to the benchmark zero rate curve in a parallel shift so that the sum of the risky bond's discounted cash flows equals its current market price. Which Spread I am talking about?

Adam: Z Spread

Balkrishna: Nominal Spread

Catherine: Option Adjusted Spread

Deepak: Asset Swap Spread

Question 3: What do you know about Interpolated spread and yield spread?

Adam: Yield spread is the difference between the YTM of a risky bond and the YTM of an on-the-run treasury benchmark bond whose maturity is closest, but not identical to that of risky bond. Interpolated spread is the spread between the YTM of risky bond and the YTM of same maturity treasury benchmark, which is interpolated from the two nearest on-the-run treasury securities.

Balkrishna: Interpolated spread is preferred to yield spread because the latter has the maturity mismatch, which leads to error if the yield curve is not flat and the benchmark security changes over time, leading to inconsistency.

Catherine: Interpolated spread takes account the shape of the benchmark yield curve and therefore better than yield spread.

Deepak: Both Interpolated Spread and Yield Spread rely on YTM which suffers from drawbacks and inconsistencies such as the assumption of flat yield curve and reinvestment at YTM itself.

Then Satish gave following information related to the benchmark YTM:

Maturity(yrs)	1	2	3	4	5
YTM	8.22	8.52	8.88	8.98	9.02

There is an 8.75% risky bond with a maturity of 2.75% year(s). Its current price is INR102.31, which corresponds to YTM of 8.52%. Compute Yield Spread from the information provided in the vignette:

- A. 0.13%
- B. 0.00%
- C. 0.36%
- D. 0.27%



Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 15

The following information pertains to bonds:

Bond	Initial Maturity	Spread from G-Sec (bps)		
		January 2013	April 2013	July 2013
Bond A	10 Years	94	97	89
Bond B	10 Years	102	103	93
Bond C	10 Years	370	530	560
Bond D	10 Years	115	130	110
Bond E	10 Years	10	15	7

Further following information is available about a particular bond 'Bond F'

There is a 10.25% risky bond with a maturity of 2.25% year(s) its current price is INR105.31, which corresponds to YTM of 9.22%. The following are the benchmark YTM's.

Maturity(yrs)	1	2	3	4	5
YTM	8.22	8.52	8.88	8.98	9.02



From the time January 2013 to April 2013, what can you predict about the market conditions, assuming the G-Sec has not changed?

- A. There has been credit spread compression, which means the spreads have declines, which can be lead indicator of oncoming economy stress.
- B. There has been widening of credit spread, which means the spreads have increased, which can be lead indicator of oncoming economy stress.
- C. There has been widening of credit spread, which means the spreads have increased, which can be lead indicator of oncoming economy stress.
- D. There has been credit spread compression, which means the spreads have declines, which can be lead indicator of oncoming economy boom.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 16

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Bond	Initial Maturity	Spread from G-Sec (bps)		
		January 2013	April 2013	July 2013
Bond A	10 Years	94	97	89
Bond B	10 Years	102	103	93
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Following are the relevance of Industry Analysis:

Statement 1: Evaluating Industry risk is the first and foremost step for top down approach of analysis.

Statement 2: Industry Analysis is relevant for analyzing the industry life cycle, which is highly important from the perspective of an investor or lender.

State which is/are correct?

- A. Both are incorrect
- B. Both are correct
- C. Only Statement 2 is correct
- D. Only Statement 1 is correct

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 17

If XYZ Ltd. incurs (with purchase and installation of machinery) using cash, which of the following ratios will remain unchanged, if all other things remain constant?

- A. None of the three
- B. Asset Turnover ratio
- C. Current Ratio
- D. Quick Ratio

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 18

Mr. Gopi, while teaching the CCRA course to students described Altman's Model and stated that following variables do exist for Altman's Model:

1. total debt/total assets,
2. retained earnings/total assets.
3. earnings before interest and taxes/total assets,
4. market value equity/book value of total liabilities,
5. sales/total assets



Exactly how many variables are incorrectly identified?

- A. Exactly Four
- B. Exactly One
- C. Exactly Two
- D. Exactly Three

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/a/altman.asp>

QUESTION 19

In Steepening short term rates _____ relative to long term rate

- A. falls
- B. rises

- C. is independent of each other
- D. remains constant

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: <https://www.analystforum.com/forums/cfa-forums/cfa-level-ii-forum/91348766>

QUESTION 20

If you yield curve is humped and the medium rates drop, what will happen to the yield curve?

- A. It will move from negative to positive
- B. It will shift up in a uniform fashion
- C. It will become steeper
- D. It will flatten

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation



Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 21

Which of the following statement is false?

- A. DEF Ltd. has received a speculative grade rating as its outstanding rating is B+
- B. Non-Convertible debenture of PQR Ltd. has a speculative rating since its outstanding rating is C
- C. ABC Ltd. short term is BBB- for its commercial paper
- D. XYZ has an investment grade rating as his outstanding rating is A1

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 22

Which of the following is not one of the C in the 5 C Model?

- A. Capacity
- B. Capital
- C. Covenants
- D. Conditions

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/f/five-c-credit.asp>

QUESTION 23

Z spreads in Callable bonds include:

- A. Does not include premium for credit risk and call option price for prepayment risk.
- B. Premium for credit risk and call option price for prepayment risk is included.
- C. Premium for credit risk is only included.
- D. Premium for call option price for prepayment risk is only included.



Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: https://books.google.com.pk/books?id=WTvNAgAAQBAJ&pg=PA224&lpg=PA224&dq=credit+Z+spreads+in+Callable+bonds+include+Premium+for+credit+risk+and+call+option+price+for+prepayment+risk+in+included&source=bl&ots=cdWVJiWQSC&sig=d9Y2vg5dyIZlrIBT7tmKRihUg2M&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiUqN2I_93eAhXMA8AKHSb1B7gQ6AEwCXoEAcQ#v=onepage&q=credit%20Z%20spreads%20in%20Callable%20bonds%20include%20Premium%20for%20credit%20risk%20and%20call%20option%20price%20for%20prepayment%20risk%20in%20included&f=false

QUESTION 24

Risk in CDS price is reflective of

- A. increase in probability of default



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- B. increase in interest rates
- C. decrease in probability of default
- D. increase in recovery rates

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 25

Which of the following is a factor considered while evaluating resources profile for rating of bank?

- A. Size and growth of deposits
- B. All of the three
- C. Deposit composition & stickiness
- D. Geographic distribution of deposits

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 26

Which of the following are types of bank guarantee?

- A. Deferred and Term
- B. Financial and Performance
- C. Usance and Sight

Correct Answer: B
Section: (none)
Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference <https://www.hdfcbank.com/sme/trade-services/letters-of-credit-and-bank-guarantees>

QUESTION 27

Mr. A shares details of two bonds as follows:

Particulars	Bond X	Bond Y
Yeild to Maturity	7%	9%
Maturity	2.25 Years	4.75 years
Number of coupons in the year	1	1

Term Structure:

1 Year	6.8%
2 Year	7.2%
3 Year	7.8%
4 Year	8.6%
5 Year	9.2%
6 Year	9.9%



Determine the interpolated spread for Bond X and Bond Y?

- A. Bond X: 80 bps
Bond Y: Negative
- B. Bond X: 35 bps
Bond Y: 5 bps
- C. Bond X: 65 bps
Bond Y: Nil

- D. Bond X: 20 bps
Bond Y: 20 bps

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 28

Attributes of healthy cultural values exclude:

- A. Experienced management.
- B. Diversified sources of revenue.
- C. Brand.
- D. Healthy relationship with employees

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 29

For considering the assignment of probabilities, which of the following aspects are taken into account?

- A. Economic cycle – bearish phase or boom
- B. All of the other options
- C. The date of valuation of assets on the financials
- D. The nature and age of assets

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 30

Project 1: Company X has a sugar mill at Philadelphia and is replicating same at Toronto.

Project 2: Company Y has a sugar mill at Philadelphia and is increasing capacity from 100000 MT to 140000 MT per annum.

What type of projects are Project 1 and Project 2?

- A. Project 1: Diversification; Project 2: Forward Integration
- B. Project 1: Expansion; Project 2: Forward Integration
- C. Project 1: Diversification; Project 2: Expansion
- D. Project 1: Expansion; Project 2: Expansion

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 31

Which of the following may lead to the deterioration in credit profile of a bank?

Statement 1. Bank's Capital adequacy falling below regulatory requirement.

Statement 2. Rise in Slippage ratio

- A. None of the statement is correct
- B. Both statement 1 and 2 are correct
- C. Statement 1 is correct
- D. Statement 2 is correct

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 32

Which of the following statements concerning having a CEO serve as chairman of the board is most accurate? Having a CEO also serve as chairman is considered:

- A. poor corporate governance practice as having the CEO server as chairman is an inherent conflict when determining management compensation.
- B. good corporate governance practice as the CEO is the best person to provide the board with information about the company's strategy and operations.
- C. cannot be determined

D. poor corporate governance practice as having the CEO and chairman serve as separate positions ensures a properly-functioning board.

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 33

A holder of which of the following types of bonds is least likely to suffer from rising interest rates?

- A. Floating rate bonds
- B. Fixed rate bond
- C. Zero-coupon bonds

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: <https://www.nuveen.com/fixed-income-strategies-for-low-and-rising-rates>



QUESTION 34

The most important metric for a bank is the Net Interest Income (NII) which is the difference between ____ income and ____ expense.

- A. Interest; Total
- B. Interest; Fee
- C. Interest; Interest
- D. Total; Total

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/definition/net-interest-income-nii>

QUESTION 35

Based on the common size statement analysis which of the following statement regarding employee cost is correct?

Particulars (USD Million)	YE FY14	YE FY15
SALES	2800	3800
Employee Cost	1200	1400
Power and Establishment Cost	160	180
Depreciation	26	31
Interest	25	37
Taxes	200	240

- A. The employee cost is expected to contribute 8% to decrease in PAT in FY15
- B. The employee cost is expected to contribute 7% to decrease in PAT in FY15
- C. The employee cost is expected to contribute 6% to decrease in PAT in FY15
- D. The employee cost is expected to contribute 5% to decrease in PAT in FY15

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 36

Butterfly strategy is a combination of

- A. Ladder and Barbell on the same market sides
- B. Barbell and Bullet on the opposite market sides
- C. Barbell and Bullet on the same market sides
- D. Ladder and barbell on the opposite market sides

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference:

https://books.google.com.pk/books?id=WTvNAgAAQBAJ&pg=PA213&lpg=PA213&dq=Butterfly+strategy+is+a+combination+of+Barbell+and+Bullet+on+the+opposite+market+sides&source=bl&ots=cdWVJkVMRG&sig=XIB7YqySq5YDEUmEWusH5JCsjY&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwj3_pCrxN7eAhVkk8AKHYuD_CwUQ6AEwBnoECAUQAQ#v=onepage&q=Butterfly%20strategy%20is

[%20a%20combination%20of%20Barbell%20and%20Bullet%20on%20the%20opposite%20market%20sides&f=false](#)

QUESTION 37

Awesome Mobile Ltd is a leading mobile seller who manufactures mobile phone under own brand Awesome. Which of the following is the biggest business risk for Awesome?

- A. Technology Risk
- B. Branding risk
- C. Raw material price risk
- D. Competition

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 38

Based on the Moody's KMV model which of the following is not correct?

- A: Growth variables are important for default analysis. rapid growth will lead to lower probability of default and rapid decline will lead to higher probability of default.
- B: Activity ratios are relevant for default analysis. A large stock of inventories relative to sales will lead to a higher probability of default.

- A. Only Statement A is correct
- B. Both the statements are correct
- C. None of the statements is correct
- D. Only Statement B is correct

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: https://books.google.com.pk/books?id=g8XgCwAAQBAJ&pg=PA67&lpg=PA67&dq=Activity+ratios+are+relevant+for+default+analysis.+A+large+stock+of+inventories+relative+to+sales+will+lead+to+a+higher+probability+of+default&source=bl&ots=Q-6qbboNbl&sig=iKGUJsn0wKNSv-F7pZ5B_GElw5E&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjsruKZwd7eAhUqB8AKHQFGAtAQ6AEwC3oECAsQAQ#v=onepage&q=Activity%20ratios%20are%20relevant%20for%20default%20analysis.%20A%20large%20stock%20of%20inventories%20relative%20to%20sales%20will%20lead%20to%20a%20higher%20probability%20of%20default&f=false

QUESTION 39

In a weakening economy, which of the following is least accurate?

- A. Interest costs go up and create refunding risk for those who have bonds maturing which need to be rolled over.
- B. Interest costs go up and create rate risk for have bonds maturing which need to be rolled over.
- C. None of the other options.
- D. Interest costs go up and create funding risk for those who have borrowing plans lined up.

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 40

Which of the following is not an importance of the sovereign rating?

- A: To arrive at cost of lending to a country
- B: To set lower floor for the rating of the corporate and banks of the countries on international scale.
- C: For determining the risk levels for international investment portfolios

- A. Only A and C
- B. Only B
- C. Only A and B
- D. None of the three



Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 41

Stand by letter of credits are typically taken as credit enhancement for _____

- A. Commercial Paper
- B. Long term Bond issues
- C. Long term debenture issues
- D. Bank debt

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/s/standbyletterofcredit.asp>

QUESTION 42

Statement 1: The Yields on the MBS PTCs are normally higher than the yields on the corporate bonds of similar ratings.

Statement 2: The reason for difference in yields on the corporate bonds and similarly rated PTCs is on account of the optionality in the PTC, the unfamiliarity of the structure and uncertainties in respect of legal and structural issues.

Which of the above statements is correct?

- A. None of the statements
- B. Both the statements
- C. Only Statement 2 is correct
- D. Only Statement 1 is correct

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation



Explanation/Reference:

Reference: <https://books.google.com.pk/books?id=WTvNAgAAQBAJ&pg=PA305&lpg=PA305&dq=The+Yields+on+the+MBS+PTCs+are+normally+higher+than+the+yields+on+the+corporate+bonds+of+similar+ratings&source=bl&ots=cdWVJkUPUC&sig=LXN-pawMofH61opTbPnHkHoNc0I&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiSldjpwd7eAhUMDsAKHbneBtsQ6AEwAHoECAkQAQ#v=onepage&q=The%20Yields%20on%20the%20MBS%20PTCs%20are%20normally%20higher%20than%20the%20yields%20on%20the%20corporate%20bonds%20of%20similar%20ratings&f=false>

QUESTION 43

Which of the following is NOT a conceptual definition of credit risk on which credit models are based?

- A. Default Mode Paradigm
- B. Value-at-Risk paradigm
- C. Mark-to-Market Paradigm

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Reference: <http://www.bulentsenver.com/yeditepe/pdf/Credit%20Risk%20Modelling%20BIS49.pdf> (page 9)

QUESTION 44

Which of the following is false in case of credit enhancements?

- A. It reduces the default risk of the borrowing entity for the lender, thereby deteriorating the overall credit worthiness of the borrower
- B. Credit enhancement could be implicit or explicit
- C. Credit enhancement is a mechanism whereby external cash flows is extended by an entity which has a stringer credit profile, so that it benefits the fund raising entity

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 45

Short term rates are determined by_____

- A. All of the other options
- B. Liquidity position caused by seasonal demand supply for credit
- C. Foreign portfolio investment inflows and outflows
- D. Bunching of tax and government payments



Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 46

Which of the following factor is considered while undertaking management evaluation?

- A. All of the other options
- B. Corporate Strategy
- C. Performance of group concerns
- D. Past track record

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 47

_____ Strategy consists of buying a bond with maturity longer than the investment horizon (for investor) or buying a long-maturity bond with short-term funding through repo (for speculator).

- A. Barbell, Ladder and Butterfly
- B. Yield Spread Anticipation
- C. Rate Anticipation with Maturity Mismatch
- D. Riding the yield curve

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

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