

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2018

COURSE TITLE	:	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS
COURSE CODE	:	ACF 313/IDE AC 310
DEGREE/DIPLOMA	:	DEGREE
TIME ALLOWED	:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON THE PAPER: FOUR (4)</li><li>2. ATTEMPT ALL FOUR (4) QUESTIONS</li><li>3. THE MARKS AWARDED FOR A QUESTION ARE INDICATED AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION</li><li>4. WHERE APPLICABLE, ALL WORKINGS ARE TO BE SHOWN</li><li>5. CALCULATIONS ARE TO BE MADE TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES OF ACCURACY, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.</li></ol>
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	:	PV TABLES
NOTE	:	YOU ARE REMINDED THAT IN ASSESSING YOUR WORK, ACCOUNT WILL BE TAKEN OF THE ACCURACY OF LANGUAGE, THE GENERAL QUALITY OF EXPRESSION, TOGETHER WITH THE LAYOUT AND PRESENTATION OF YOUR FINAL ANSWER.

THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

**QUESTION 1**

- (a) Discuss the Salient Features of the Bretton Woods Agreement and why the agreement collapsed in 1971.

**(10 MARKS)**

- (b) You are given the following:-

	<u>Spot</u>	<u>One month forward</u>	<u>Three months forward</u>
US (dollar)	1.5200 – 1.5210	0.32-0.27c pm	0.89-0.84 pm
Canada (dollar)	1.8630-1.8640	0.30-0.20c pm	0.90-0.80 pm
Netherlands' (guilder)	4.05 $\frac{1}{4}$ - 4.06 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{8}$ - 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ c pm	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ pm
Belgium (franc)	72.20 – 72.30	10 - 20c dis	45 – 55 dis
Denmark (krone)	13.01-13.02	44 - 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ ore dis	18 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ dis
Germany (DM)	3.06 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pf pm	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 pm

Calculate the cost or value in Pound Sterling to a customer who wishes to:-

- a) Buy US\$ 28 000 one month forward from his bank
- b) Buy Canadian \$ 50 000 spot
- c) Buy Belgian francs 150 000 three months forward
- d) Sell guilders 56 000 one month forward
- e) Sell Danish kroner 40 000 three months forward
- f) Sell DM 12 000 one month forward

**(15 MARKS)**

**TOTAL (25 MARKS)**

**QUESTION 2**

- a. (i) Discuss any five different types of bonds that a company might issue. **(10 MARKS)**
- b. (i) Ngcamphalala Ltd is issuing a bond with a maturity of 12 years, after which E15,000 will be paid to the bondholder. The market interest rate is 7%. The bondholder receives a coupon of E1 050 every year. What price is the bond selling for at present? **(2 MARKS)**
- (ii) Mamba wants to invest in an E11 000 bond that is currently selling for E11 050 and matures in four years. The YTM is 12%.
- a) What is the coupon payment? **(2 MARKS)**
- b) What is the coupon rate? **(2 MARKS)**
- (iii) UNESWA has a savings account that provides her with 15.25% interest every year. Last year, the inflation rate was 6%; this year, the inflation rate declined to 5.75%. What are the real rates of interest that she earned last year and this year? **(4 MARKS)**
- (iv) You have to make a choice between two bonds. Bond A makes semi-annual payments, has a maturity of five years and a coupon rate of 12.5%. Bond B has a maturity of six years and a coupon rate of 12.2%. The nominal value of each bond is E15 000 and the interest rate in the market is 12.35%.
- a) What is the value of Bond A? **(1 MARK)**
- b) What is the value of Bond B? **(1 MARK)**
- c) Which bond is trading at a premium and which is trading at a discount? **(3 MARKS)**
- (15 MARKS)**

**TOTAL: (25 MARKS)**

**QUESTION 3**

(a) Write explanatory notes on the following:-

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| i)   | Nasdaq  | <b>(2.5 MARKS)</b> |
| ii)  | The Dow Jones Industrial average                  | <b>(2.5 MARKS)</b> |
| iii) | Standard & Poor's 500 composite index (S & P 500) | <b>(2.5 MARKS)</b> |
| iv)  | The FTSE/JSE all share index                      | <b>(2.5 MARKS)</b> |
|      |   | <b>(10 MARKS)</b>  |

(b) i) A preference share will pay a dividend of E2.75 in the forthcoming year and every year thereafter, i.e. dividends are not expected to grow. Investors require a return of 10% on this share. What is the intrinsic value of this preference share? **(5 MARKS)**

ii) The Domini Company's next dividend payment will be E4 per share. The dividends are anticipated to maintain a 6% growth rate forever. If the company's shares are currently selling for E45 per share, what is the investor's required return? **(5 MARKS)**

iii) The NMMU Company is a start-up company. No dividends will be paid to ordinary shareholders over the next five years, as profits need to be retained to finance the company's expansion. The company will then, in year 6, begin to pay a dividend of E6 per share. Analysts expect that the company's dividends will increase by 5% per year thereafter. If the required return on this share is 23%, what is the intrinsic value of the share? **(5 MARKS)**

**(15 MARKS)**

**TOTAL: (25 MARKS)**

**QUESTION 4**

- a) Briefly discuss the difference between the Futures Price and the Value of the Futures contract?

**(5 MARKS)**

- b) Explain the difference between Hedging and Speculating, giving examples where possible.

**(20 MARKS)**

**TOTAL: (25 MARKS)**



