

FINA 0025 –Financial Management
Tutorial 8 - Questions

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A. Short Answer Questions

Answer true or False to the following questions providing justification.

- A1.** The dividend discount model will undervalued stocks because it is too conservative.
- A2.** Increasing dividend payments to shareholders generally makes bondholders in the firm better off.
- A3.** Beta is not the same as the correlation between a security (portfolio) and the market portfolio.
- A4.** The existence of market anomalies is consistent with the CAPM.
- A5.** One of the major assumptions of market efficiency is that new information comes to the market in a random manner and that the timing of announcements is independent of other announcements.
- A6.** The expected return on the share market is 8% with a standard deviation of 15%. The risk-free rate is 3%. The correlation coefficient between Melbourne Corporation's returns on common shares and the market is 0.5. Melbourne will pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share next year, its growth rate is 4%, and the standard deviation of its returns is 60%. The shares are trading at \$18.87. Because the shares are worth more than its current market price, they should be bought.
- A7.** Both the Capital Market Line and the Security market Line may contain efficient and inefficient portfolios.
- A8.** As investors become more risk averse the market price of risk increases and stock values fall.
- A9.** If interest rates for bonds of all maturities increase by one percent, the **percentage change in price** of shorter maturity bonds and longer maturity bonds will be the same.

B. Problems

- B1.** You have a \$1000 par value, 5% coupon (nominal rate) US Treasury bond with 7 years remaining until maturity. Coupons are paid semiannually and the next coupon payment is exactly six months away. The market interest rate for these bonds is 6% (nominal rate with semiannual compounding). What is the current price of this bond?
- B2.** Price a zero coupon bond with a par value of \$100,000 maturing in 7 years. Assume that the nominal interest rate is 6% and interest is compounded semiannually.
- B3.** Define systematic and unsystematic risk and explain why an investor should not expect to receive additional return for assuming unsystematic risk.

B4. What is the difference between a projects internal rate of return (IRR) and the Opportunity Cost of Capital?

B5. In an efficient market, what would happen if a projects' IRR was greater than the Opportunity Cost of Capital?