

KASNEB

CIFA PART III SECTION 5

FIXED INCOME INVESTMENTS ANALYSIS

WEDNESDAY: 25 May 2016.

Time Allowed: 3 hours.

Answer ALL questions. Marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question. Show ALL your workings.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Assess three negative bond covenants that could be included in a bond indenture. (3 marks)
- (b) Discuss the following coupon payment structures offered in the global fixed income markets:
- (i) Floating rate notes (FRNs). (2 marks)
 - (ii) Step-up coupon bonds. (2 marks)
 - (iii) Credit-linked coupon bonds. (2 marks)
 - (iv) Payment-in-kind (PIK) coupon bonds. (2 marks)
 - (v) Deferred coupon bonds. (2 marks)
- (c) Amos Maina has just purchased a bond with a par value of Sh.1,000 at a price of Sh.959.20 and an annual coupon payment rate of 5 per cent. The bond has 5 years to maturity.
- Required:**
- (i) The bond's current yield. (2 marks)
 - (ii) The bond's adjusted current yield. (2 marks)
 - (iii) The bond's yield-to-maturity (YTM). (3 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Commercial banks act as an important source of credit to both individual and corporate clients. For this reason, they are expected to maintain considerable levels of liquidity at all times to mitigate against bank runs in the financial systems.
- Required:**
With reference to the above statement, discuss the following short-term wholesale funding alternatives available to commercial banks:
- (i) Reserve funds. (2 marks)
 - (ii) Interbank funds. (2 marks)
 - (iii) Large-denomination negotiable certificates of deposits. (2 marks)
- (b) Explain three factors that could affect the level of a repurchase agreement (repo) margin. (3 marks)
- (c) Evaluate three credit risk measures of a bond. (3 marks)
- (d) Mboleza Limited has 8% convertible bond which is due for redemption in 5 years' time. The bond is currently quoted at a nominal value of Sh.82 per Sh.100. The bond can be converted into 25 ordinary shares in 5 years' time. The current market price per share of the company is Sh.3.50. This price is expected to grow at a constant rate of 5% per annum. The corporate tax rate is 30%.

Required:

- (i) Determine whether the bondholders would consider converting the bond or redeeming the bond at the end of the fifth year. (3 marks)
- (ii) Calculate the cost of the convertible bond. (5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Highlight three assumptions of yield-to-maturity (YTM). (3 marks)
- (b) Evaluate three differences between the money market and the bond market in relation to yield measures. (3 marks)
- (c) The following information relates to a portfolio constructed from zero coupon issues of Sh.100 million:

Portfolio	2 year issue	16 year issue	30 year issue
I	Sh.50 million	-	Sh.50 million
II	-	Sh.100 million	-

Required:

- (i) Key rate duration for each issue of the securities in the portfolio. (3 marks)
- (ii) Effective duration for each portfolio. (2 marks)
- (d) A one-year zero-coupon bond yields 6.0 per cent. The two-year and three-year zero coupon bonds yield 7.0 per cent and 8.0 per cent respectively.

Required:

- (i) The forward rate for a one-year loan beginning in one year. (3 marks)
- (ii) The forward rate for a two-year loan beginning in one year. (3 marks)
- (iii) The forward rate for a one-year loan beginning in two years. (3 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Evaluate four characteristics of credit scores used in credit analysis models. (8 marks)
- (b) In January 2016, the government of your country issued a 10-year on-the-run treasury bond, and a 10-year infrastructure bond. The yield on the 10-year on-the-run treasury bond issue was 4.88%, while the yield on the 10% infrastructure bond was 6.24%.

Required:

- (i) Absolute yield spread. (2 marks)
- (ii) Relative yield spread. (2 marks)
- (iii) Yield ratio. (2 marks)

- (c) Waumini county government has issued 8%, Sh.1000 par value municipal bond with a maturity of 10 years. The spot rate of interest rates have been forecasted as follows:

Year	Spot rate (yield) %
1	9
2	10
3	11
4	8
5	10
6	11
7	9
8	12
9	8.5
10	10

Required:

The Arbitrage-free value of the bond.

(6 marks)
(Total: 20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) (i) Equilibrium term structure models such as the Cox-Ingersoll-Ross Model and the Vasicek Model usually seek to describe the dynamics of the term structure using fundamental economic variables that are assumed to affect interest rates.

Required:

In relation to the above statement, discuss three characteristics shared by equilibrium term structure models. (3 marks)

- (ii) Summarise three strengths of the reduced form models used in corporate credit risk analysis. (3 marks)
- (b) (i) Explain the term “price value of a basis point (PVBP)” as used in fixed income securities. (1 mark)
- (ii) Mr. Hakiba is holding a Sh.1,000, 8%, 10 year bond which is currently selling at Sh.877.110. The current market yield is 10%. He anticipates that the interest rates would increase in the near future, a fact that would affect the market value of his bond. He has approached you as an investment and financial analyst to help him assess the price volatility of the bond in order to quantify the interest rate risk.

Required:

The price value of a basis point (PVBP). (6 marks)

- (c) The following information was extracted from Dyton Ltd.’s consolidated income statement for the year ended 31 December 2015:

	Sh. “Million”
Gross profit	5,730
Royalty and commission income	100
Other operating income	110
Other operating expenses	(5,046)
Operating profit	894
Interest income	25
Interest expenses	(113)
Income before taxes	806
Income taxes	238
Net income	568

Additional information:

1. Depreciation and amortisation amounted to Sh.249 million.
2. Total assets are estimated to be Sh.10,618 million.
3. Total debt amounted to Sh.1,613 million.
4. Shareholders equity is Sh.4,616 million.

Required:

- (i) Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) interest coverage ratio. (4 marks)
- (ii) Debt/capital ratio. (3 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

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