

January – February 2022
M. B. A. (Financial Administration) Examination

III Semester
DERIVATIVES AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Time 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks 90

Note : Attempt any three questions from Section A. Each question carries 22 marks. Section B is compulsory and carries 24 marks.

Section A

1. What strategies of option combination will you follow if you think, give examples :
 - (a) Market is slightly bullish.
 - (b) Market is slightly volatile
2. Discuss with example the process of constructing synthetic stock with the help of options.
3. What do you mean by Basis Risk ? How this risk can be minimized ?
4. What type of risk is associated with over the counter derivative instruments ? How such risks can be dealt with ? Default in swap is more risky than default in bank, true or false, why ?
5. Write short notes on the following :
 - (a) Open Interest and Volume of Trade.
 - (b) Contango and Backwardation.
 - (c) Contingent Claims.

Section B

6. A few months ago, futures have been introduced on the senses. An arbitrageur is interested in creating a hypothetical index portfolio to understand the concept of stock index arbitrage and how to gain from it. He has collected the following information :
 - The current index is 3495
 - The dividend yield on the index in 6 month is 4%
 - A six month index futures is currently priced at 3700
 - The rate on 364 day T-bills is 9.5%
 - 70% of the companies included in the index are likely to pay dividend in the next six months.
 - Each futures contract is for a value of 100 times the index.

You are required to : Calculate the fair price of a six month index futures contract. How can the information available in (a) above be used by an arbitrageur ? Calculate the arbitrageur's gain / losses if the index is at 3400 or at 3800 at the end of six months.
