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MARCH 2024

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This question paper consists of TWO (2) sections. Answer ALL questions in the answer booklet provided. [100 MARKS]

SECTION A

(20 Marks)

There are TEN (10) questions in this section. Answer ALL questions in the answer booklet.

1. What does the term 'portfolio' refer to in portfolio management?
 - A. A collection of stocks, bonds, or other securities held by an investor.
 - B. A type of mutual fund.
 - C. A document detailing an investor's financial goals.
 - D. A software used for tracking investments.

2. Which type of analysis focuses primarily on economic, sector, and company-specific factors?
 - A. Technical Analysis
 - B. Fundamental Analysis
 - C. Quantitative Analysis
 - D. Qualitative Analysis

3. What is the primary objective of portfolio management?
 - A. Maximizing return
 - B. Minimizing risk
 - C. Both maximizing return and minimizing risk
 - D. Ensuring liquidity.

4. What is the purpose of diversification in a portfolio?
 - A. To concentrate risk in high-yield assets.
 - B. To reduce risk by spreading investments across various financial instruments.
 - C. To increase the portfolio's liquidity.
 - D. To simplify the management of the portfolio.

5. In technical analysis, what does a 'moving average' help determine?
 - A. Intrinsic value of a security
 - B. Trend direction of a stock price
 - C. Credit risk of a company
 - D. Optimal dividend payout ratio

6. What type of risk can be eliminated through diversification?
- A. Market risk
 - B. Systematic risk
 - C. Unsystematic risk
 - D. Interest rate risk
7. Which of the following is not a method used in fundamental analysis?
- A. Economic analysis
 - B. Industry analysis
 - C. Graphical analysis
 - D. Company analysis
8. Which statement best describes 'market timing'?
- A. Buying and selling based on daily stock forecasts.
 - B. Predicting market cycles to make buy or sell decisions.
 - C. Deciding when to pay dividends.
 - D. Selecting stocks based on their market cap.
9. Which investment strategy focuses on buying undervalued stocks that are expected to perform well in the long run?
- A. Growth investing
 - B. Indexing
 - C. Value investing
 - D. Sector rotation
10. What is the primary focus of behavioral finance?
- A. Analyzing economic data
 - B. Studying the effects of market decisions based on psychological factors influencing investors and traders.
 - C. Optimizing investment returns
 - D. Managing financial risk

SECTION B

(80 Marks)

There are **FOUR (4)** questions in this section. Answer **ALL** questions in the answer booklet.

QUESTION 1

(20 Marks)

Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using technical analysis as a tool for stock selection.

QUESTION 2

(20 Marks)

Explain how the Modern Portfolio Theory influences portfolio construction and the importance of diversification according to this theory.

QUESTION 3

(20 Marks)

Explore the challenges and strategies associated with portfolio management in volatile markets, including tools and techniques to mitigate losses.

QUESTION 4

(20 Marks)

Explain the role of alternative investments in a diversified investment portfolio. Discuss the challenges and benefits associated with integrating assets like real estate, commodities, and hedge funds.

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