

**YOU HAVE 90 MINUTES TO COMPLETE BOTH PARTS OF THIS THIS EXAM**

Instructions:

1. The part of the exam is closed book and closed notes. No scrap paper is allowed; use the back of the exam if necessary. True/False questions are worth 2 points. Multiple-choice questions are worth 3 points. Short answer questions are worth 4 points unless otherwise noted. There are 104 points on this exam; your score is limited to 100 points.
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1. “Maximize shareholders wealth” is the primary goal of shareholders. How can shareholders make “Maximize shareholders wealth” the primary goal of managers? You need at least 2 sentences to get full credit for this question.

2. (4 points) A company had a good year and will either extra-large employee bonuses or one-time cash dividends to the stockholders. The CEO will herself get 5% of this year's employee bonus money. If paid, the extra dividends would be split equally among the 10 million shares of the firm's stock. The CEO owns 300,000 shares. You are a stockholder but are not a bonus-earning employee. What can we say about this situation?

The CEO (circle correct answer) a. prefers the bonus. b. prefers the dividend. c. has no preference.

You (circle correct answer) a. prefers the bonus. b. prefers the dividend. c. has no preference.

3. Preferred stock is a hybrid security that is the second most common form of internal financing.  
a. True b. False

4. Your significant other is “cheating” (act of lying, deception, fraud, trickery, imposture, or imposition) on you. Would you prefer this be a moral hazard situation or a classic agency problem situation? Why did you answer as you did? Note, your choice is irrelevant; all points are based on your explanation.

5. A friend's significant other is “cheating” (act of lying, deception, fraud, trickery, imposture, or imposition) on your friend. Is this more likely to be a form of underinvestment problem or asset substitution? Why did you answer as you did? Note, your choice is irrelevant; all points are based on your explanation.

6. Over the past 30 years, which of the following statements is most correct?
- In most years, firms will sell more common stock than preferred stock, and sell less preferred stock than debt.
  - In most years, firms will sell more retained earnings stock than debt, and sell more debt than preferred stock.
  - For the average firm's balance sheet, the reason that the common stock account is larger than the retained earnings account, is because retained earnings is a convertible security with a set redemption date while common stock has no redemption date.
  - Even though about 90% of securities issued are bonds, the book value of bonds is typically smaller than the market value of preferred stock.
  - All of the above statements are always true.
7. List the four basic rights of shareholders.
8. An investment banker earns lower fees on an underwritten stock offering than a rights offering.
- True
  - False
9. Which of the following is not an advantage of going public?
- Going public enables a firm to raise additional capital.
  - Going public gives existing shareholders a chance to sell portions of their shares as part of the IPO giving them a cash return on their investment and allows them to diversify their investment portfolios.
  - Going public generally brings a lower price in the public market than in the venture capital or private placement markets.
  - Going public achieves liquidity and diversification for current shareholders
  - None of the above is an advantage of going public.
10. Under current U.S. Bankruptcy law, a firm can legally declare Chapter 7 at any time, regardless of how much is owed to creditors.
- True
  - False
11. Which of the following is least senior in terms of bankruptcy "absolute priority"?
- preferred stock
  - secured debt
  - trustee fees
  - unsecured claims created in the ordinary course of business
  - All have equal priority; it depends on the decision of the bankruptcy judge.
12. A questionable motive two firms may have for merging included \_\_\_\_\_.
- to achieve economies of scale in production, distribution, or another phase of their operations
  - to realize tax benefits
  - to realize financial synergy
  - to get to surplus cash
  - none of the above are questionable motives
13. Which (if any) of the following statements is true?
- Holdouts are holders of outstanding securities who desire to exchange their securities for new ones.
  - The guiding principle of Chapter 11 reorganizations is that a debtor should fully repay the debts owed to creditors following an absolute priority rule.
  - Chapter 7 offers a debtor the opportunity to freeze its debts while it attempts to negotiate a reorganization plan with creditors.
  - All of the above statements are true.
  - None of the above statements are true.
14. What is the best explanation for why companies have financial distress? Explain your answer.

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- 5) If you have additional time remaining, give your work one last check.

1. (4 points) Franny Lots is considering a loan for \$650,000 to GM Holdings. Laura estimates that she will incur \$15,000 in monitoring costs.

a. GM Holdings is promising to pay 9% annually on the loan. After paying monitoring costs, what annual percent return is Franny receiving?

b. If a fair return on this loan is 8.9%, what is the minimum interest rate that Franny would require on this loan?

2. Carrollton Utilities currently has 5,000 shares with a market price of \$12.50 per share. They announce a rights offering of 1000 shares with a subscription price of \$10 per new share during the 16-day subscription period.

a. (2 points) How many rights will be needed to purchase a new share?

b. (2 points) What is the market value of each right given this stock price?

c. Assume after the rights offering, the actual stock price is \$12.35. Did shareholders view the rights offering as good news or bad news (1 points)? Explain why you are correct (3 points).

3. (4 points) You are sole owner of the company. By year's end, your company has an equal chance of being worth either \$6.00 million or \$4.50 million. The company's debt is \$5 million and due at the end of the year. The company has a chance to invest in a project that will enhance its value. If the company chooses this project then by year's end it will have an equal chance of being worth either \$6.25 million or \$4.00 million. The project has a negative NPV of \$0.25 million. Do you accept the project? Explain your answer.

4. (3 points) Astral Telecom will acquire Bright Wiring. Astral has a total market value (VA) of \$990M (M = million), and Bright has a total market value (VB) of \$310M. Assume the NAM is \$3, the expenses to complete the merger are \$4, and the premium being paid to Bright Wiring shareholders is \$30. Based on these numbers, what is the expected amount of operating efficiencies and synergistic effects?

5. Fill in the Blanks (15 points). The Peta Company acquires the Nofer company in a stock-for-stock deal.

	# Shares	P/E	EPS	Stock Price
Peta	25,000	15	\$1.19	_____
Nofer	100,000	15	\$1.30	_____
Combined Company	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. The firm you work for is trying to decide to file a Chapter 7 or a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. If it chooses to reorganize, the following future cash flows are expected: Year 1=\$24, Year 2=\$25, Year 3=\$36, Year 4=\$27, Year 5=\$38. The appropriate discount rate is 11%. The projected after-tax liquidation value of the firm's assets is \$100 if we liquidate the firm today. If we liquidate the firm in 5 years, the liquidation value is expected to be \$200. (1 point for your answer, and 3 points for showing why your answer is correct.) Should we file Chapter 7 or Chapter 11?

We should file Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ because:

7. (20.0 points, 2 points per blank, fill in all the blanks to get credit) Below is the Webegone Company's Balance Sheet. The firm is in Chapter 7 bankruptcy and is being liquidated. The firm's Trustee's are owed \$20. Given the below balance sheet, write out the amounts collected by each of the firm's creditors. All taxes and accrued wages have priority over secured debt. The Senior debt is secured by Fixed Assets. The Senior Secured has priority over Senior Subordinated. All other liabilities and equity have their normal claim order. The Debentures are subordinate to the Note Payable (Banks). An unusual aspect of this bankruptcy is that the operating divisions will be sold as "going concerns," with the acquirers' receiving only Fixed Assets. The bankrupt firm will retain all current assets, liabilities, and equity. These going concerns can be sold for \$125. Current assets will then be liquidated at a market to book ratio of 30%.

		Amount Collected	
CURRENT ASSETS	\$400	_____	
NET FIXED ASSETS	528	_____	
	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$45 _____	
	NOTES PAYABLE (BANKS)	80 _____	
	ACCRUED WAGES	14 _____	
	FEDERAL TAXES	21 _____	
	STATE/LOCAL TAXES	17 _____	
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$177	
	SENIOR SUBORDINATED	\$ 135 _____	
	SENIOR SECURED	151 _____	
	DEBENTURES	90 _____	
	TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBTS	\$ 376	
	PREFERRED STOCK	\$ 8 _____	
	COMMON STOCK	770 _____	
	RETAINED EARNINGS	-403 _____	
	TOTAL EQUITY	\$375	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$928	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$928