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Duration: 2½ Hours

Total Marks: 75



- N.B.: (1) All questions are compulsory.
 (2) Figures to the brackets to the right indicate marks.

- Q1. (A) State whether true or false (Any 8): (8)
- (1) Junk bond has lower risk.
 - (2) Current yield relates interest on a security to its current market price.
 - (3) When interest rates rise, bond prices also rises
 - (4) Hybrid bonds have the features of both equity and Debt.
 - (5) A bonds rating indicates its interest rate risk.
 - (6) A callable bond pays an investor a lower coupon than a non-callable bond.
 - (7) Passive portfolio includes stocks/bonds with high risk/high return.
 - (8) The YTM calculation assumes that the cash flows received through the life of the bond are reinvested at a rate equal to maturity.
 - (9) Passive portfolio strategies imply that prices are assumed to reflect fair value.
 - (10) New orders data is a leading indicator.

- Q1. (B) Match the following Columns (Any 7): (7)

Column A		Column B	
1	Liquidity	a	Borrower
2	Bond Covenants	b	Corporate bond market
3	Budget Deficit	c	Expiry date
4	Impact of financial crisis	d	Immediate Delivery
5	Seller of Bond	e	Increased Subsidies
6	Spot contract	f	Inflation
7	Lower interest rate sensitivity	g	Restriction on risky investments
8	Liquidity risk	h	Shorter term bond
9	Purchasing power risk	i	Unemployment
10	Futures contract	j	Objectives of Portfolio Management

- Q2 (a) What do you mean by fixed income securities? State its features. (8)
 (b) What are the factors investors should keep in mind while trading or investing in corporate bonds? (7)

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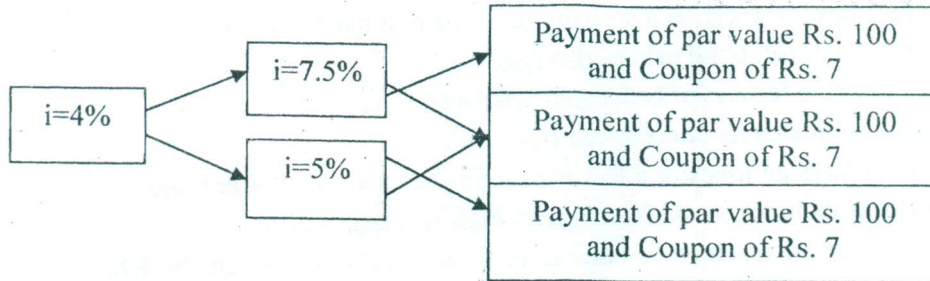
- Q2. (c) What are corporate bonds? Explain issue and classification of corporate bonds. (8)
 (d) Find out the value of a bond with 8 years maturity and face value of Rs. 1000. Coupon rate is 13% and required rate of return is 14%. Coupon is paid annually. (7)

- Q3. (a) Explain the concept of bonds with embedded options. (7)
 (b) What is Convexity? What are the factors affecting convexity? (8)

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- Q3. (c) A 7% annual coupon bond has 2 years to maturity. The interest rate tree is shown in the figure below. Calculate the value of the bond today under following different scenarios if face value is Rs. 100: (8)
- (i) Bond has call option and call price is Rs. 100
 (ii) Bond has put option and put price is Rs. 100



- (d) Calculate the duration of a Bond with 8% coupon rate having maturity period of 5 years. The face value of the Bond is 1000. Bond is currently yielding 6%. (7)

- Q4. (a) What are Economic Indicators? Explain its Types. (7)
 (b) Explain the impact of Sub Prime Crisis on India. (8)

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- Q4. (c) What is GDP? How does it affect bond markets and currency? (8)
 (d) Discuss the International Impact of Sub Prime Mortgage Meltdown. (7)

- Q5. (a) Explain Indexing Strategy of Passive Portfolio Management. (7)
 (b) Discuss the Active Bond Portfolio Management Strategies employed by managers. (8)

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- Q5. (c) Write Short Note (Any 5): (15)
- (1) Effective Duration
 - (2) Prepayment Risk
 - (3) Factors affecting bond valuation
 - (4) Index of Industrial Production (IIP)
 - (5) Tracking error and bond portfolio strategies
