



**BRAINWARE UNIVERSITY**  
**Ph.D. Course Work Examinations**  
**Programme – Ph. D. in Management**  
**Course Name – Contemporary Issues in Finance**  
**Course Code – PHD-MGMT01C**  
**(Semester – 1)**

**Time allotted: 4 hrs.**

**Full Marks: 100**

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

**Group –A**

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1 x 10 = 10

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :
  - i) Select a 'black swan' event in finance
 

a A highly predictable and common financial occurrence	b An unexpected and extremely rare event with significant consequences
c A type of financial derivative	d A market correction
  - ii) Identify a hedge fund
 

a A fund set up to provide insurance coverage	b A mutual fund focused on sustainable investments
c An investment fund that employs various strategies to generate returns for its investors	d A government-run investment program
  - iii) Identify a cryptocurrency created to provide stable value by being pegged to a reserve asset like the US dollar
 

a Bitcoin	b Ethereum
c Ripple (XRP)	d Tether (USDT)
  - iv) Judge financial metric measures a company's ability to meet its short-term obligations with its current assets
 

a Price-to-Earnings (P/E) ratio	b Return on Investment (ROI)
c Current Ratio	d Debt-to-Equity Ratio
  - v) Choose the term for the practice of borrowing money to invest and potentially amplify gains (or losses)
 

a Leverage	b Diversification
c Arbitrage	d Liquidation

- vi) Select a potential risk associated with investing in emerging markets
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|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| a | Low volatility        | b | Political instability       |
| c | Political instability | d | Strong regulatory oversight |
- vii) Justify a "bear market" in finance
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|---|--|---|---|
| a | A market characterized by declining asset prices | b | A market with rapidly rising asset prices |
| c | A market where investors are highly optimistic   | d | A market with low trading volume          |
- viii) Select the term for the risk that an investment's value may decrease due to changes in interest rates
- |   |                |   |                    |
|---|----------------|---|--------------------|
| a | Credit risk    | b | Market risk        |
| c | Inflation risk | d | Interest rate risk |
- ix) Justify the primary goal of socially responsible investing (SRI)
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| a | Maximizing short-term profits   | b | Achieving the highest possible return on investment |
| c | Generating positive social and environmental impact alongside financial returns | d | Avoiding all financial risks                        |
- x) Justify the term for a financial contract that derives its value from an underlying asset, such as a stock or commodity
- |   |              |   |             |
|---|--------------|---|-------------|
| a | Bond         | b | Derivative  |
| c | Stock option | d | Mutual fund |

### Group – B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6 = 30

Answer the following questions :

2. Describe the purpose of a stock buyback program for a company.
3. Illustrate 'black swan' event in finance.
4. Discuss the quantitative easing (QE) in Finance.
5. Analyze cryptocurrency designed to maintain a stable value by pegging it to a reserve asset called.
6. Criticize the role of RBI in India.
7. Evaluate the tools of Monetary Policy of India.

**Group – C**

(Long Answer Type Questions)

10 x 6 = 60

Answer the following questions :

8. Explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global financial markets.
9. Summarize cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin affecting traditional financial systems.
10. Explain the trade policy, as tariffs and trade disputes, impact global financial markets.
11. Justify the risks associated with high-frequency trading (HFT) and algorithmic trading in financial markets.
12. Explain the concept of a sovereign debt crisis and provide examples from recent history.
13. Justify the globalization of financial markets impact the stability of the global economy.

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