candidates should be able to:

Demonstrate knowledge of forward and futures contracts. Including:

* Describe the trading differences between forward and futures contracts
* Describe and apply the marking-to-market process for futures positions
* Discuss the effect of marking-to-market on counterparty risk
* Recognize the effect of marking-to-market and the time value of money on risk and on prices
* Define and calculate initial margin for futures positions
* Define and calculate maintenance margin for futures positions