FIN5EQS EQUITY SECURITIES

Quiz 3 (Version B) Solutions

1. A company, which has a beta of 1.3, has just paid a dividend of \$1.25. The long-term sustainable growth rate is 5%. The risk-free rate is 3.5% and the expected return on the market is 9%. What is the value of the stock?

A. \$12.25
$$r = R_F + \beta_i \Big[E(R_M) - R_F \Big]$$
B. \$12.87
$$= 0.035 + 1.3 (0.09 - 0.035) = 10.65\%$$
C. \$22.12
$$V_0 = \frac{D_0 (1+g)}{r-g} = \frac{1.25 (1+0.05)}{0.152-0.05} = $23.23$$

2. Suppose a company has a beta of 0.85. The risk-free rate is 4.5% and the equity risk premium is 6.6%. The dividend paid by the company last year was \$2.09. You estimate that the dividend will grow at a constant rate of 4.5% indefinitely. The current market value of the stock is \$28.70.

Calculate the cost of equity implied by the market assuming the Gordon Growth Model is appropriate for valuing the stock and the sustainable growth assumption is reasonable.

A.
$$10.3\%$$
B. 10.1%
C. 11.6%
D. 12.1%

$$28.70 = \frac{2.09(1+0.045)}{r-0.045}$$

$$\therefore 28.70r - 1.2915 = 2.1841$$

$$\therefore 28.70r = 3.4756$$

$$\therefore r = 0.121 = 12.1\%$$

3. A company has EPS of \$2.20 and a retention ratio of 40%. It expects earnings to grow at 8% p.a. for the next two years, after which earnings growth will decline to a long-term sustainable growth rate of 3.5%. The cost of equity is 7%. What is the value of the stock?

A. \$26.56
B. \$28.30

$$V_0 = \sum_{t=1}^{n} \frac{D_0 (1+g_s)^t}{(1+r)^t} + \frac{D_0 (1+g_s)^n (1+g_L)}{(1+r)^n (r-g_L)}$$
C. \$42.44
D. \$70.65

$$= \frac{2.20(0.6)(1.08)}{1.07} + \frac{2.20(0.6)(1.08)^2}{1.07^2} + \frac{2.20(0.6)(1.035)}{(1.07)^2 (0.07-0.035)} = $42.44$$

4. Recalculate the value of the stock referred to in Question 3, but now assume that the growth rate declines gradually from the initial growth rate of 8% to the long-term sustainable growth rate of 3.5% over 5 years.

A. \$28.85
B. \$29.99
$$V_0 = \frac{D_0 (1 + g_L)}{r - g_L} + \frac{D_0 H(g_S - g_L)}{r - g_L}$$
C. \$43.28
D. \$72.13
$$= \frac{2.20(0.6)(1.035)}{0.07 - 0.035} + \frac{2.20(0.6)(2.5)(0.08 - 0.035)}{0.07 - 0.035}$$

$$= $43.28$$

5. You are a securities analyst. You have been asked by one of your clients to estimate the value of a stock, because the client is planning a takeover bid and needs to know the value of the stock in order to decide how much to offer the company's existing shareholders. The company's earnings have been growing at a constant 4% p.a., which is considered to be a sustainable long-term growth rate. It pays dividends and has a constant payout ratio of 70%.

Which of the following valuation models would be most appropriate for valuing this company for your client?

- A. The Dividend Discount Model
- B. The Free Cash Flow Model (because the valuation is from a control perspective)
- C. Neither of the above models is appropriate
- D. Both A and B are equally appropriate

- 6. The financial statements of a company provide the following information:
 - Cash flow from operations = \$99,400,000
 - Depreciation expense = \$15,200,000
 - Interest expense = \$18,700,000
 - Fixed capital investment = \$9,000,000
 - Working capital investment = \$4,500,000
 - The corporate tax rate is 30%

What the free cash flow to the firm?

A. \$98,990,000
$$FCFF = CFO + Int(1 - t_c) - FCInv$$

B. \$103,490,000 $= 99.4 + 18.7(1 - 0.3) - 9$

C. \$114,190,000 $= $103,490,000$

D. \$118,690,000

7. A company has FCFF of \$140 million and FCFE of \$120 million. The WACC is 9% and the cost of equity is 12%. The long-term sustainable growth rate is 4%. What is the value of equity?

A. \$1,560 million

B. \$1,820 million

C. \$2,496 million

D. \$2,912 million

Equity value =
$$\frac{FCFE_0(1+g)}{r-g}$$
 $=\frac{120(1.04)}{0.12-0.04}$
 $= $1,560$ million

SOLUTIONS

1. **A B C**

2. **A B C**

3. **A B D**

4. | A | B | D

5. **A C D**

6. **A C D**

7. **B C D**