

**Question 1: [3 points]** You could describe the sources of profits among different types of traders in the following way:

- Market makers make money from noise traders and noise traders make money from informed traders and informed traders lose to others
- Market makers make money from both informed traders and noise traders
- Noise traders make money from market makers and market makers make money from informed traders and informed traders lose to others
- **Informed traders make money from market makers, market makers make money from noise traders, and noise traders lose to others**

**Question 2: [3 points]** An investor with a short position may use a (non-marketable) buy limit order to

- Limit his/her losses
- **Lock his/her gains**

**Question 3: [3 points]** Front running is:

- Trading in the same direction as a trend right before the trend starts
- Trading in the same direction as another trader right after their trade
- **Trading in the same direction as another trader right before their trade**
- Trading in the opposite direction as another trader right before they trade

**Question 4: [3 points]** Comparing the NYSE to Nasdaq:

- NYSE does not use an electronic system for trading but Nasdaq does
- **Both exchanges compete fiercely for market listings and volume**
- Most high-tech modern firms prefer to list on NYSE
- The NYSE has multiple dealers for each stock while Nasdaq has one

**Question 5 [3 points]: True/False:** The feature that distinguishes the standard limit order from the D-limit order offered by IEX is that if the IEX detects that the stock's price is about to move in a direction unfavorable to the trader it informs the trader and requires him/her to adjust the limit price of the order.

**Question 6 [3 points]: True/False:** SEC's locked-markets ban applies to all orders.

**Question 7 [3 points]:** Retail order flow is more desirable *to a market maker* because, relative to institutions/institutional orders,----.

- **Retail traders are less likely to be informed (in possession of non-public information).**
- Retail traders are more likely to use sophisticated trading strategies.
- Retail traders are more likely to direct their orders to specific trading venues.
- Retail orders are usually subject to payment for order flow arrangements.

**Question 8 [3 Points]:** U.S. government economic statistics are often announced when the market is open. Immediately prior to an announcement, the bid-ask spread usually ---- and trading volume---.

- Widens; rises
- **Widens; drops**
- Narrows; drops
- Narrows; rises

**Question 9 [3 Points]:** What is the most important difference between stop orders and away from the market limit orders?

- **Stop sell (or stop loss) orders are set at prices below the market, limit sell orders are set at prices above the market**
- The execution of stop orders does not depend on the price
- Stop orders are sent to the central limit order book while limit orders are just held by your broker
- Stop sell (or stop loss) orders are set at prices above the market, limit sell orders are set at prices below the market

**Question 10 [3 points]:** With Twitter trading around \$55, an investor enters a stop-limit order: “sell 200 shares stop \$52, limit \$50.” This is equivalent to ---.

- “Sell 200 shares limit \$50.”
- “Sell 200 shares limit \$52.”
- “Sell 200 shares at the market.”
- **The answer is not listed.**

**Question 11: [3 points] True/False** It is illegal for universities to disclose price-relevant economic reports to a selected group of investors.

**Question 12: [3 points]: True/False:** More trading takes place in dark pools during market turmoils than during the times that the market is calm.

**Question 13: [3 points]** An investor with a short position may use a buy stop loss order to

- **Limit his/her losses**
- Lock his/her gains

**Question 14 [3 points]: True/False:** Robinhood is the only broker who sells order flow to high frequency trading firms.

**Question 15 [3 points]:** True/**False** When a dealer simultaneously receives buy and sell orders from customers, government regulations require them to pair off the customers against each other.

**Question 16 [4 points]:** For stock A markets AX and BX are the only two market centers. Their ask books look like this:

Price	AX		BX	
\$10.10	100 sh	<i>Hidden</i>		
\$10.09	200	Visible	100 sh	Visible
\$10.08			300	Visible
\$10.07	300	Visible	500	Visible

What is the National Best Offer?

- \$10.1
- \$10.09
- \$10.08
- **\$10.07**

**Question 17:** True/**False**: Price-tier-time priority rule in which a dark pool operator can favor its own client is illegal.

**Question 18: [3 points]** True/**False**: Dark pools are required by law to exclude any “toxic” order that is a submitted by a HFT firm.

**Question 19 [3 Points]:** True/**False**: If filled, a stop-loss order to sell at \$50 would always be filled at \$50 or better.

**Question 20 [3 Points]:** True/**False**: Currently, there are over 50 DMM firms at the New York Stock Exchange.

**Question 21 [4 points]:** The ask sides of the books at three market centers are as follows. There are no hidden orders.

Price	Exchange A shares	Exchange B shares	Exchange C shares
50.49	300	200	
50.48	100	800	
50.47	100	300	400
50.46		900	600
50.45	2,000	2,000	2,000

For each exchange, what are the protected asks (prices and quantities)?

- Exchange A: \$50.49x300 Exchange B: \$50.49x300 Exchange C: \$50.47x400
- **Exchange A: \$50.45x2,000 Exchange B: \$50.45x2000 Exchange C: \$50.45x2,000**
- Exchange A: \$50.49x300 Exchange B: \$50.49x200 Exchange C: \$50.45x2000
- Exchange A: \$50.49x300 Exchange B: \$50.49x200 Exchange C: None

**Question 22 [4 points]:** The ask sides of the books at three market centers are as follows. H in front of an order means that order is hidden.

Price	Exchange A shares	Exchange B shares	Exchange C shares
50.49	30	200	
50.48	100	800	
50.47	100	300	400 (H)
50.46		900	600
50.45	2,000	2,000	2,000

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- Exchange A: \$50.49x300 Exchange B: \$50.49x200 Exchange C: \$50.45x2000
- Exchange A: \$50.49x300 Exchange B: \$50.49x200 Exchange C: None

**Question 23 [4 Points]:** Suppose that you observe the following sequence of orders:

Time	Trader	Order	Size	Price
9:01	Bob	Buy	9	15
9:03	Sal	Sell	3	16
9:07	Sue	Sell	5	15
9:11	Bif	Buy	6	14
9:14	Stu	Sell	2	Mkt

If we submitted all these orders to a call market, what price would clear the market?

- \$14
- **\$15**
- \$16

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9:07	Sue	Sell	5	15
9:11	Bif	Buy	6	14
9:14	Stu	Sell	2	Mkt

If we submitted all these orders to a call market. How many shares would trade?

- 2
- 7
- 9
- 11

**Question 25 [4 points]:** True/**False** Suppose that on average, investors in the stock market this year are expected to earn a positive return on their investment and that some investors will earn considerably more than others. One can then conclude that markets are not efficient.

**Question 26 [4 points]:** Consider following buy orders. Arrival sequence represents the time that the exchange has received the order (1: represents the earliest.)

Trader	Arrival Sequence	Quantity	Price	Display?
Amy	1	100	10.10	Y
Brian	2	400	10.02	Y
Chad	3	200	10.01	N
Dana	4	100	10.02	Y
Emily	5	300	10.01	Y
Frank	6	300	10.10	N
Gina	7	200	10.00	N

Under price-visibility-time priority, whose order would rank the second highest?

- Amy
- Brian
- Chad
- Dana Emily
- **Frank**
- Gina

**Question 27 [4 points]:** Consider following sell orders. Arrival sequence represents the time that the exchange has received the order (1: represents the earliest.)

Trader	Arrival Sequence	Quantity	Price	Display?
Amy	1	100	10.10	Y
Brian	2	400	10.02	Y
Chad	3	200	10.01	N
Dana	4	100	10.02	Y
Emily	5	300	10.01	Y
Frank	6	300	10.10	N
Gina	7	200	10.00	N

Under price-visibility-time priority, whose order would rank the highest?

- Amy
- Brian
- Chad
- Dana Emily
- Frank
- **Gina**

**Question 28 [4 points]:** For stock A markets AX and BX are the only two market centers. Their bid books look like this:

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\$10.09	200	Visible	100 sh	Visible
\$10.08			300	Visible
\$10.07	300	Visible	500	Visible

What is the National Best Bid?

- \$10.1
- **\$10.09**
- \$10.08
- \$10.07

**Question 29 [4 points]:** For stock A markets AX and BX are the only two market centers. Their bid books look like this

Price	AX		BX	
\$10.10	100 sh	<i>Hidden</i>		
\$10.09	200	Visible	100 sh	Visible
\$10.08			300	Visible
\$10.07	300	Visible	500	Visible

Market BX receives an order to sell 400 shares limit 10.08. It executes 100 shares at \$10.09; send 100 shares to AX and executes 200 shares at \$10.08.

**True/False:** This constitute a trade through from the perspective of Reg NMS?

**Question 30 [4 points]:** The bid sides of the books at three market centers are as follows. There are no hidden orders.

	Exchange A	Exchange B	Exchange C
Price	shares	shares	shares
50.49	30	200	
50.48	100	800	
50.47	100	300	400
50.46		900	600
50.45	2,000	2,000	2,000

For each exchange, what are the protected bids (prices and quantities)?

- Exchange A: \$50.49x30 Exchange B: \$50.49x300 Exchange C: \$50.47x400
- Exchange A: \$50.45x2,000 Exchange B: \$50.45x2000 Exchange C: \$50.45x2,000
- **Exchange A: \$50.48x100 Exchange B: \$50.49x200 Exchange C: \$50.47x400**
- Exchange A: \$50.49x30 Exchange B: \$50.49x300 Exchange C: None