

Q-1.

Solution: B.

The expected return is the sum of the expected dividend yield plus expected growth. The expected growth is $(1-0.5)20\% = 10\%$. The expected dividend yield is $1.5 \times 1.1 / 25 = 6.6\%$. The sum is 16.6%.

Q-2.

Solution: A.

The capital asset pricing model uses the firm's equity beta, which is computed from a market model regression of the company's stock returns against market returns.

Q-3.

Solution: B.

To calculate the equity beta with asset beta known, the new debt to equity ratio to GF Company should be used.

$$\beta_{equity} = \beta_{asset}^* \left[1 + (1 - t^*) \frac{D'}{E'} \right]$$
$$\beta_{equity} = 1.25 \times \left[1 + (1 - 40\%) \times \frac{2}{3} \right] = 1.75$$

Q-4.

Solution: B.

Asset risk does not change with a higher debt-to-equity ratio. Equity risk rises with higher debt.

Q-5.

Solution: C.

GF's cost of equity is $2\% \times 1.5(8\% - 2\% + 3\%) = 15.5\%$.