Topic 8: Risk Management Failures

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All of the following occurrences are examples of risk mismeasurement, except when risk managers:

- A) do not understand the relationships of the distributions among different positions.
- B) use subjectivity when measuring extreme and rare events.
- C) do not understand the distribution of returns of a single risky position.
- D) take known and unknown risks into account.

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The role of risk management does not involve performing which of the following tasks?

- A) Assess all risks faced by the firm.
- B) Communicate all risks to risk-taking decision makers.
- **C)** Make sure the firm takes greater than the necessary amount of risk in order to achieve higher returns.
- D) Monitor and manage all risks.

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Which of the following statements does not illustrate how firms can fail to correctly monitor and manage risk on an ongoing basis?

- A) Portfolio risk profiles do not change over time.
- B) A firm does not have an adequate incentive structure.
- C) Some securities have complex relationships with market variables such as interest rate changes.
- D) A firm does not have an adequate culture that promotes effective risk management.

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It is important for a firm to recognize all relevant risks. Failing to manage risk exposure could result from all of the following actions except:

- A) not measuring unknown risks correctly.
- **B)** not monitoring risk adequately.
- C) not communicating risks to top management.
- D) not using appropriate risk metrics.

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One of the severe consequences of either ignoring or not adequately using data in risk models is that the firm might expand its operations in areas where risks are not being properly considered. Which of the following statements are examples of ignoring or not adequately using data?

- I. The firm assumes global market correlations stay constant during financial crises.
- II. The firm accepts the assumption that AAA-rated assets are very low risk.
 - A) Both I and II.
 - **B)** I only.
 - C) II only.
 - D) Neither I nor II.

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Predatory trading occurs when:

- A) a borrower becomes worse off after a loan than before.
- **B)** other firms in a market see that a large player in the market is in trouble and the other firms attempt to push the price down further in order to hurt the large player.
- C) a firm with small loss in a given market can influence the activity in that market.
- **D)** there is a misrepresentation in the mortgage application from the borrower side.

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Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the importance of effectively communicating the results of the risk management process?

- **A)** Timely communication that has not been distorted by intermediaries is required to effective communication.
- **B)** The purpose of risk management is to allow senior managers of the firm to make the optimal strategic decisions to maximize firm stock price.
- **C)** The risk management process may be harmful if there is miscommunication, and the senior managers get a false sense of security from the information that is provided.
- **D)** Risk management efforts are wasted unless the results can be effectively communicated to the appropriate decision makers.