Topic 7 - The Credit Crisis of 2007

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Regarding the role of incentives in the outcomes of the recent credit crisis, which of the following actions could potentially lead to agency costs?

- I. When the incentives of mortgage market participants do not align.
- II. When traders are awarded with an employee compensation arrangement.
- A) II only.
- B) Both I and II.
- C) Neither I nor II.
- D) I only.

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One of the main factors that contributed to the credit crisis of 2007 to 2009 was relaxed lending standards. Which of the following terms relates specifically to a lack of vetting of the accuracy of an applicant's information?

- A) Liar loans.
- B) Adjustable rate mortgages.
- C) NINJA borrowers.
- D) Teaser rates.

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All of the following statements accurately describe a lesson learned from the 2007 to 2009 credit crisis except:

- A) resecuritization results in investments that have risks that tend to exceed their expected returns.
- **B)** traditional correlations can break down during periods of crisis, and default correlations can increase.
- **C)** investors should rely more on the analysis of rating agencies rather than conducting their own analysis.
- D) investments that initially appear to be good investments may be poor investments after further scrutiny.

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Regarding the tranches of asset-backed securities (ABS) and ABS collateralized debt obligations (CDO), the more removed a new structured investment is from the original investment:

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- A) the riskier the tranches, especially the senior tranche.
- **B)** the more investors would prefer lower yielding bonds.
- C) the more mortgages will default leading to increases in principal and interest cash flows.
- **D)** the less risky the tranches, especially the equity tranche.

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From a risk perspective, which of the following asset-backed security (ABS) tranches will most likely absorb the first losses in the ABS asset pool?

- A) Mezzanine tranche.
- B) Senior tranche.
- C) Equity tranche.
- D) Super-senior tranche.