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Which of the following statements about reinvestment risk is least accurate?

- A) A bond investor can eliminate reinvestment risk by holding a coupon bond until maturity.
- **B)** A bond's yield calculation assumes that coupon cash flows and principal can be reinvested at the computed yield to maturity.
- C) Reinvestment risk is greater for amortizing securities.
- D) An investor concerned about reinvestment risk is most concerned with a decrease in interest rates.

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An investment pays \$75 annually into perpetuity and yields 5%. Which of the following is closest to the price?

- **A)** \$750.
- **B)** \$1,500.
- **C)** \$1,000.
- **D)** \$375.

Question #3 of 35

A zero coupon bond with a face value of \$1,000 has a price of \$148. It matures in 20 years. Assuming annual compounding periods, the yield to maturity of the bond is:

- **A)** 11.24%.
- B) 14.80%.
- **C)** 9.68%.
- **D)** 10.02%.

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An investor holds a 20-year, semi-annual 8.00 percent coupon Treasury bond issued at par. Market interest rates are currently at 6.50 percent. The bond is noncallable. A coupon payment is due this week. Which of the following choices *best* represents the type of risk the investor faces?

- A) Reinvestment risk.
- B) Prepayment risk.
- C) Credit risk.
- D) Liquidity risk.

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When planning to hold a coupon-paying Treasury bond until maturity, which of the following types of risk would be the *most important?*

- A) Downgrade.
- B) Interest rate.
- C) Reinvestment.
- D) Default.

Questions #6-9 of 35

Use the following Treasury bond prices to answer the next four questions. Assume the prices are for settlement on June 1, 2005, today's date. Assume semiannual coupon payments:

Coupon	Maturity	Price
7.500%	12/1/2005	102-9
12.375%	6/1/2006	107-15
6.750%	12/1/2006	104-15
5.000%	6/1/2007	102-9+

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The discount factors associated with the bonds maturing in December 2005 and June 2006, are *closest* to:

- A) 0.9696/0.9858.
- **B)** 0.9858/0.9546.
- C) 0.9778/0.9696.
- **D)** 0.9546/0.9696.

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The spot rates associated with the discount factors determined in the previous question are *closest* to:

- A) 2.88%/4.70%.
- B) 2.25%/4.87%.
- C) 1.82%/7.56%.

D) 3.26%/5.87%.

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Given the spot rates for the 6-month and 1-year maturing bond, the 6-month forward rate 6 months from now is *closest* to:

- **A)** 6.04%.
- **B)** 5.86%.
- **C)** 6.54%.
- **D)** 7.28%.

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The yield to maturity (YTM) for the bond maturing June 2007 is *closest* to:

- **A)** 3.27%.
- **B)** 3.79%.
- **C)** 3.02%.
- **D)** 2.93%.

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Use this table for the following questions.

Maturity (Years)	STRIPS Price	Spot Rate	Forward Rate
0.5	98.7654	2.50%	2.50%
1.0	97.0662	3.00%	3.50%
1.5	95.2652	3.26%	3.78%
2.0	93.2775	????%	????%

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The 6-month forward rate in 1.5 years (ending in year 2.0) is *closest* to:

- **A)** 4.26%.
- **B)** 4.11%.
- **C)** 4.57%.
- **D)** 4.04%.

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The value of a 1.5-year, 6 percent semiannual coupon, \$100 par value bond is *closest* to:

A) \$103.42.

- **B)** \$104.00.
- C) \$102.19.
- **D)** \$105.66.

Questions #12-14 of 35

Use the Treasury bond prices given below for the following four problems. Assume the prices are for settlement on June 1, 2005, today's date. Assume semiannual coupon payments:

Coupon	Maturity	Price
6.00%	12/1/2005	99-15
7.00%	6/1/2006	98-27+
8.00%	12/1/2006	101-29
9.00%	6/1/2007	102-9

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The discount factors associated with the bonds maturing in December 2005 and June 2006, respectively, are *closest* to:

- A) 0.9587; 0.9157.
- **B)** 0.9657; 0.9225.
- **C)** 0.9458; 0.9013.
- **D)** 0.9319; 0.8769.

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The spot rates associated with the discount factors of the previous problem are *closest* to:

- **A)** 5.48%; 6.78%.
- **B)** 7.10%; 8.23%.
- **C)** 4.87%; 6.23%.
- **D)** 6.26%; 7.05%.

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Given the spot rates for the 6-month and 1-year maturing bond, the forward rate inherent in those figures is *closest* to:

- A) 6.96%.
- **B)** 9.37%.
- C) 4.68%.
- **D)** 5.74%.

Question #15 of 35Question ID: 439428

Which of the following statements regarding U.S. Treasury issues is *least* accurate?

A) Due to the way Treasury STRIPS are taxed, U.S. investors may face negative cash flows before the maturity date.

- **B)** Investment bankers strip the coupons from Treasury notes and bonds to create zero-coupon securities.
- C) The U.S. Treasury issues zero coupon notes, but not bonds.
- D) A 5-year Treasury note can be stripped into 11 different zero coupon securities.

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If the one-year spot rate is 7 percent and the one-year forward rate is 7.4 percent, what is the two-year spot rate?

- A) 7.40%.
- **B)** 7.20%.
- **C)** 7.12 %.
- **D)** 7.27%.

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The price of a semiannual pay, \$1,000 face value bond with an 8 percent coupon rate with 10 years to maturity that currently yields 6.25 percent is *closest* to:

- **A)** \$1,179.40.
- **B)** \$1,128.69.
- **C)** \$1,000.00.
- **D)** \$1,092.38.

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A 3-year, 8 percent semiannual coupon bond with \$100 par value currently yields 8.50 percent. What would be the price of the bond?

- A) \$98.70.
- **B)** \$95.49.
- **C)** \$99.24.
- **D)** \$119.50.

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Maturity (Years)	STRIP Price	Spot Rate	Forward Rate
0.5	98.7654	2.50%	2.50%
1.0	97.0662	3.00%	3.50%
1.5	95.2652	3.26%	3.78%
2.0	93.2775	?.??%	?.??%

The 2-year spot rate is *closest* to:

- **A)** 3.51%.
- **B)** 3.42%.
- **C)** 3.87%.
- **D)** 4.02%.

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Risk management:

- A) has no impact on the expected costs of financial distress.
- B) has no effect on the need for the firm to hold liquid assets.
- C) exacerbates the need for a firm to hold a reserve of liquid assets.
- **D)** is a substitute for investing equity capital in liquid assets.

Question #21 of 35Question ID: 439432

Assume the one-year spot rate is 4 percent, the two-year spot rate is 4.5 percent, and the three-year spot rate is 5 percent. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- A) The one-year rate that will exist two years from today is 5 percent.
- B) The one-year rate that will exist one year from today is 5.5 percent.
- C) The two-year rate that will exist one year from today is 5.5 percent.
- D) The rate that an investor can earn on a sum invested today for the next three years is 5.5 percent.

Question #22 of 35Question ID: 439453

Consider four bonds that are similar in all features except those shown. The bond with the greatest reinvestment risk is:

A) 5% coupon, callable.

- B) 15% coupon, non-callable.
- C) 5% coupon, non-callable.
- D) 15% coupon, callable.

Question #23 of 35Question ID: 424464

Which of the following statements about zero-coupon bonds is NOT correct?

- A) A zero coupon bond may sell at a premium to par when interest rates decline.
- B) The lower the price, the greater the return for a given maturity.
- C) A zero-coupon bond provides a single cash flow at maturity equal to its par value.
- D) All interest is earned at maturity.

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If the five-year spot rate is 6.1 percent and the four-year spot rate is 5.9 percent, what is the only rate that can be computed?

- **A)** The four-year forward rate starting one year from today is 7.4%.
- B) The four-year forward rate starting one year from today is 6.9%.
- C) The one-year forward rate starting four years from today is 7.4%.
- D) The one-year forward rate starting four years from today is 6.9%.

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Which of the following statements concerning a forward rate is FALSE? A forward rate is:

- A) the market's best guess as to an interest rate that will exist in the future.
- B) the rate of interest an investor would earn from now until some point in the future.
- C) an interest rate that can be locked in for some future time period.
- **D)** the interest rate that makes an investor indifferent to investing over a long time period or investing over two or more shorter time periods.

Question #26 of 35Question ID: 439463

What is the semiannual-pay bond equivalent yield on an annual-pay bond with a yield to maturity of 12.51 percent?

- **A)** 12.14%.
- **B)** 12.00%.
- **C)** 12.51%.
- **D)** 11.49%.

Question #27 of 35Question ID: 439430

The Treasury spot rate yield curve is *closest* to which of the following curves?

- A) Zero-coupon bond yield curve.
- B) Reinvestment rate yield curve.
- C) Forward yield curve rate.
- D) Par bond yield curve.

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A bond with a 12% coupon, 10 years to maturity and selling at 88 has a yield to maturity of:

- A) over 14%.
- B) between 13% and 14%.
- **C)** between 10% and 12%.
- D) between 12% and 13%.

Question #29 of 35Question ID: 439455

Which of the following statements concerning the yield-to-maturity on a bond is CORRECT? Yield to maturity (YTM) is:

- A) always larger than current yield of the bond.
- **B)** below the current yield minus capital gain when the bond sells at a discount, and above the current yield plus capital loss when the bond sells at a premium.
- C) based on the assumption that any payments received are reinvested at the current yield.
- **D)** the discount rate that will set the present value of the payments equal to the bond price.

Question #30 of 35

A 20-year, 9 percent annual coupon bond selling for \$1,098.96 offers a yield of:

- **A)** 11%.
- **B)** 10%.

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Which of the following is most accurate in relation to P-STRIPS and shorter term C-STRIPS?

- A) P-STRIPS: Trade at fair value; C-STRIPS: Trade cheap.
- B) P-STRIPS: Trade at fair value; C-STRIPS: Trade rich.
- C) P-STRIPS: Trade rich; C-STRIPS: Trade at fair value.
- D) P-STRIPS: Trade rich; C-STRIPS: Trade rich.

Question #32 of 35 Question ID: 439462

A 16-year, 11 percent semiannual coupon bond with \$100 par value currently yields 8 percent. Compute the price of the bond.

- A) \$109.54.
- **B)** \$129.50.
- C) \$126.81.
- **D)** \$95.91.

Question #33 of 35Question ID: 439458

What is the yield to maturity (YTM) of a 20-year, U.S. zero-coupon bond selling for \$300?

- **A)** 5.90%.
- **B)** 7.20%.
- **C)** 6.11%.
- **D)** 3.06%.

Question #34 of 35Question ID: 439451

Which of the following statements relating to reinvestment risk for bonds is TRUE ?

- A) Long-term bonds should be purchased if the investor anticipates higher reinvestment rates.
- B) Zero coupon bonds have no reinvestment risk over their term.
- **C)** Unless the reinvestment rate equals the yield to maturity, the holding period return will be less than the yield to maturity.
- D) If the investor anticipates lower reinvestment rates, high coupon bonds should be purchased.

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The risk that an investor will earn less than the quoted yield-to-maturity on a fixed-coupon bond due to a decrease in interest rates is known as:

- A) liquidity risk.
- B) prepayment risk.
- C) event risk.
- D) reinvestment risk.