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**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**

**ADVANCED LEVEL 2 EXAMINATIONS**

**A2.1: STRATEGIC CORPORATE FINANCE**

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**MODEL ANSWER AND MARKING GUIDE**

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## SECTION A

### Question 1: LMN Ltd

Marking guide	Marks
<b>a) Calculation of ratios</b>	
Liquidity ratios (Current Ratio, Quick Ratio 2 marks each, maximum of 4)	4
Profitability ratios (Net income to net worth, Net profit margin 2 marks @, max of 4)	4
Turnover ratios (Inventory turnover, Fixed asset turnover, Total assets turnover, Average Collection Period, 2 marks each, max of 8)	8
Price – Earnings (P/E) ratio (formula & computation)	2
Debt/Equity ratio (formula & computation)	
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>b) Analysis of the summary</b>	
i. Trend (Liquidity, Profitability and Activity/Turnover ratios, 2 marks each)	6
ii. Comparison with industry (Liquidity, Profitability and Activity/Turnover ratios, 1 marks each)	3
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>c) i. MCM Ltd</b>	
<b>Calculation of Internal Rate of Return (IRR) (12 Marks maximum)</b>	
Computation of initial outlay	3
Computation of incremental depreciation per year	1
Computation of incremental salvage value	1
Computation of incremental operating cash flows for each	2
Computation of Net Present Value	1
Computation of Internal Rate of Return	4
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>ii. Advice to the management on the proposal based on the answer in (c) (i)</b>	
Accept the proposal since IRR ((18.55%) is greater than the cost of capital (10 %)	1
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>d) i. Hedging MC Ltd against risk using money market hedge</b>	
Changing Frw 412,000 into Bif 653,638 at 1Frw =Bif 1.5865	1
Borrow Bif 653,638 at Bif rate of 9% p.a. (Bif 639,255)	1
Sell the Bif and buy Frw at the spot rate of 1 Frw = Bif 1.5905 (Frw 401, 921)	1
Invest the Frw at @ 5 % for 4 months (Frw 406,945)	1
Settle the Bif 639,255 borrowed after 4 months and pay Bif 653,638	1

**Maximum marks**

**5**

**ii. Forward Cover instead of money market**

Exchanging Bif into Frw

**1**

Decision (Money market is better than forward cover based on computations)

**2**

**Maximum marks**

**3**

**Total marks**

**50**

**Detailed Answer**

a) The financial ratios for LMN Ltd for the past three years corresponding to industry ratios given.

Ratio	Formula	2018	2019	2020	Industry Average
Current Ratio	$\frac{CA}{CL}$	$\frac{194,170}{49,920} = 3.9 : 1$	$\frac{261,000}{107,760} = 2.4 : 1$	$\frac{396,400}{202,848} = 2.0 : 1$	2.7 : 1
Acid test/Quick ratio	$\frac{CA - Stock}{CL}$	$\frac{194,170 - 98,600}{49,920} = 1.9 : 1$	$\frac{261,000 - 158,800}{107,760} = 0.9 : 1$	$\frac{396,400 - 254,000}{202,848} = 0.7 : 1$	1.0 : 1
Inventory Turnover	$\frac{\text{Cost of Sales}}{\text{Av. Closing stock}}$	$\frac{661,600}{98,600} = 6.7$ times	$\frac{710,000}{(98,600 + 158,800)/2} = 5.5$ times	$\frac{712,000}{(158,800 + 254,000)/2} = 3.4$ times	7 times
Average collection period	$\frac{360}{\text{Account receivable}}$	$\frac{360}{10.3} = 35$ days	$\frac{360}{10.21} = 35$ days	$\frac{360}{8.0} = 45$ days	32 days
Fixed asset turnover	$\frac{\text{Sales}}{\text{Net fixed assets}}$	$\frac{827,000}{73,950} = 11.2$ times	$\frac{858,000}{82,200} = 10.4$ times	$\frac{890,000}{72,000} = 12.4$ times	13 times
Total assets turnover	$\frac{\text{Sales}}{\text{Total assets}}$	$\frac{827,000}{268,120} = 3.1$ times	$\frac{858,000}{343,200} = 2.5$ times	$\frac{890,000}{468,400} = 1.9$ times	2.6 times
Net income to net worth	$\frac{\text{Net income}}{\text{Net worth}}$	$\frac{44,520}{(115,000 + 42,350)/2} \times 100 = 28.3\%$	$\frac{29,495}{(115,000 + 59,500)/2} \times 100 = 16.9\%$	$\frac{17,500}{(115,000 + 68,800)/2} \times 100 = 9.5\%$	18 %

Net profit margin on sales	$\frac{\text{Net profit}}{\text{Sales}} \times 100$	$\frac{44,520}{827,000} \times 100 = 5.4\%$	$\frac{29,495}{858,000} \times 100 = 3.4\%$	$\frac{17,500}{890,000} \times 100 = 2\%$	3.5 %
Price-Earnings (P/E) ratio	$\frac{\text{Market value per share}}{\text{Earnings per share (EPS)}}$	$\frac{48.9}{8.3} = 5.9$	$\frac{25.5}{5.5} = 4.6$	$\frac{13.25}{3.26} = 4.1$	6
Debt/Equity ratio	$\frac{\text{Debt}}{\text{Equity}}$	$\frac{60,850}{(115,000 + 423,150)} \times 100 = 38.7\%$	$\frac{60,850}{(115,000 + 59,500)} \times 100 = 34.9\%$	$\frac{81,720}{(115,000 + 68,800)} \times 100 = 44.5\%$	50 %

b) Analytically summarize the ratios computed above based on:

(i) Trends in the firm's ratios

(ii) Comparison with industry averages.

(The summary should focus on the liquidity, profitability and turnover ratios).

Trends

**(i) Explanations of trends in the firm's ratios**

### Liquidity

- Is indicated by quick ratio and current ratio

- The current ratio is decreasing from 3.9:1 to 2.0:1 from 2018 to 2020 respectively.

This is good because the conventional rule for current ratio is 2:1. Current Ratio improved from 2018 to 2020.

This is the company's strength

- Quick ratio shows a satisfactory current financial condition; for every one franc of current financial obligations, there should be one franc of current assets to immediately meet current obligations when due.

There has been a decline in the ratio from 1.9:1 to 0.7:1 from 2018 to 2019. The conventional rule for this ratio is 1:1.

This is a weakness for the company

- Trend wise the company liquidity deteriorated

- This is due to poor working capital management policy as indicated by increasing current liabilities while cash is consistently declining.

- The firm's ability to meet its set financial obligations is poor due to a very low quick ratio.

### Profitability

- is indicated by net income to net worth and profit margins on sales

- Net income to net worth decreased as the years went by from 28.3% in 2018 to 9.5% in 2020.

- Net profit margin on sales also reduced from 5.4% in 2018 to 2% in 2020.
- This shows that the firms' overall efficiency and effectiveness was declining which is a weakness for the company. These ratios are supposed to be increasing.
- Trend wise it is clear the company's profitability has declined over the years
- This is particularly due to decline in net income thus decline in the net profit margin and increase in total equity as net profit decline thus reduction in net income to net worth.
- The firm's ability to control its cost of sales and other operating expenses is declining over time

### **Turnover (activity)**

- is indicated by the turnover ratios and average collection period
- The inventory turnover has declined alarmingly.
- The average collection period has also alarmingly increased.
- The FA turnover has been stable while total asset turnover has declined.
- The company is deteriorating in its use of assets.

### **(ii) Comparison with the industry**

#### **Liquidity**

In comparison to the industry, the ratios are below the norm. Company's liquidity is below industry norm apart from the year 2018 which is slightly above the industry norm.

#### **Profitability**

Cross-sections wise the company is performing below the industry norm

#### **Turnover (Activity)**

Cross –section wise the company ratios are below average

- c) (i) Calculate the Internal Rate of return (IRR) of the proposed replacement decision using discount rates of 10% and 20%

### **1. Computation of incremental initial outlay**

	Frw.
Cost of new machine (price)	87,000,000
Labour (Operator)	<u>13,000,000</u>
	100,000,000
Less: Market value/ disposal value of existing machine	
1,000,000*3	(Note 1) (3,000,000)
Add: Incremental net Working Capital	-
Less: Savings in overhaul cost (MP terms)	<u>(5,000,000)</u>
<b>Incremental initial capital/outlay</b>	<b><u>92,000,000</u></b>

**Note:** If the new machine is acquired, the overhaul cost will not be incurred since existing machines will be disposed-off. In the absence of tax rate, the firm will not generate any tax shield or will not pay additional tax from the disposal of the existing asset.

Recall: Tax shield = Loss on disposal of asset x tax rate

Tax payable – gain on disposal of Asset x tax rate (out flow)

## 2. Compute the incremental depreciation p.a.

Depreciation p.a. of new machine	Note 4	9,550,000
Depreciation p.a. of old machine	Note 2 (75,000 x 3)	<u>(225,000)</u>
		9,325,000

## 3. Compute incremental salvage value:

Scrap value/salvage of new machine	Note 3	4,500,000
Less salvage of existing machine	Note 1 (600,000 x 3)	<u>(1,800,000)</u>
		2,700,000

## 4. Compute incremental operating cash flows p.a.= Savings associated with using the new machine compared to the annual operating costs of the existing machine.

	Operating costs New machines	Operating cost 3 existing machines	Savings Frw
Raw Sugar cane	162,000,000	60,000,000 * 3 = 180,000,000	18,000,000
Labor	3,900,000	1,350,000 * 3 = 4,050,000	150,000
Variable expenses	2,275,000	925,000 * 3 = 2,775,000	500,000
Fixed expenses			
Factory overhead	7,800,000	2,700,000 * 3 = 8,100,000	300,000
Maintenance	4,500,000	2,000,000 * 3 = 6,000,000	1,500,000
Incremental Savings			20,450,000

Incremental savings = earnings before depreciation & tax	20,450,000
Less incremental depreciation p.a. (non-cash item)	<u>9,325,000</u>
Incremental earnings before tax	11,125,000
Tax -	-
Incremental earnings after tax	11,125,000
Add back incremental depreciation p.a.	<u>9,325,000</u>
Annual operating cash flows	<u>20,450,000</u>

**Note:** If tax is ignored then annual operating cash flows = EBDT. The new machine has 10 years of economic life which the existing machines still have 10 years to go (they were bought 5 years

ago and are being depreciated over a 15-year economic life. Therefore, discount the cash flows and salvage value at 10% cost of capital and 20% as required using 10-year period.

Item	Amount	Timing	PV10%, n	PV	PVF20%, n	PV
Inc. cash flows	20,450,000	1 – 10	6.145	125,665,000	4.192	85,726,000
Inc. salvage value	2,700,000	p.a	0.386	<u>1,042,000</u>	0.162	<u>437,000</u>
Total Incremental PV	92,000,000	10	1.000	126,707,000 <u>(92,000,000)</u>	1.000	86,163,000 <u>(92,000,000)</u>
Less Inc. initial capital NPV		0		<b>34,707,000</b>		<b>(5,837,000)</b>

Estimation of IRR

$$IRR = L + \left( \frac{A}{A-B} \right) (H - L)$$

Where: L = Lower discounting rate yielding positive NPV (10%)

H = Higher discounting rate yielding negative NPV (20%)

A = Positive NPV = 34,707,000

B = Negative NPV = 5,837,000

$$IRR = 10\% + \left( \frac{34,707,000}{34,707,000 - (-5,837,000)} \right) (20\% - 10\%)$$

$$= 10\% + \left( \frac{34,707}{40,544} \right) (10\%) = 18.55\%$$

(ii) Advise the management on the proposal based on the answer you obtained in a) above

#### **Advice to the management**

IRR = 18.56% Accept if IRR > Cost of capital

Cost of capital = 10%

The project should be undertaken

d) Briefly explain to the Financial Manager of Mugisha Company Ltd

i) How Mugisha Company Ltd can hedge itself against exchange risk by using a money market hedge

i) **Money market hedging process**

Mugisha Company Ltd has foreign currency assets of Bif 653,638

It therefore must create a liability to amount equivalent to Bif 653,638

Borrow Bif which will mature in value Bif assets of Bif 653,638 in 4 months

- Borrowing rate in Bif 9 % per annum

Hence, borrowing amount Bif  $653,638 \times \frac{1}{(1+0.09 \times 4/12)} = \text{Bif } 639,255$

- Sell the Bif and buy Frw at the spot selling rate of Bif 1.5905 per Frw.

The Frw receives  $639,255 / 1.5905 = \text{Frw } 401,921$

- Invest the Frw at @ 5 % for 4 months  
The Frw receives after 4 months  $401,921 + (401,921 * 0.05 * 4/12)$   
 $= 406,945$
  - Settle the Bif 639,255 borrowed after 4 months by paying Frw 653,638 including the interest from the amount received from the customer.
- ii) Whether it would have been better to take a forward cover instead of a money market hedge
- ii) Forward Cover instead of money market**
- 4 – month forward rate: Bif 1.6140
  - Realization after 4 months  $= 653,638 / 1.6140 = \text{Frw } 404,980$
  - Decision: money market hedge is better than the forward cover as the amount received under money market hedge Frw 406,945 is more by Frw 1,965 than the amount received under forward cover Frw 404,980

## SECTION B:

### QUESTION TWO:

Marking guide	Marks
a) Estimation of optimal weighted average cost of capital	
Calculation of geared beta (0.5 Marks * 7 gearing levels)	3.5
Calculation of cost of equity (0.5 Marks * 7 gearing levels)	3.5
Calculation of weighted average cost of capital (0.5 Marks * 7 gearing levels)	3.5
Choosing the optimal gearing and reason	1.5
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>b) Uses and limitations of Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)</b>	
Uses (1 mark each, maximum of 3)	3
Limitations (1 mark each, maximum of 3)	3
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>6</b>
c) Symptoms, causes and remedies for a company that is overtrading	
Symptoms (1 mark each, maximum of 3)	3
Causes (1 mark each, maximum of 2)	2
Remedies (1 mark each, maximum of 2)	2
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total marks</b>	<b>25</b>



## Detailed Answer

### (a) Company's optimal weighted average cost of capital and optimal capital structure

$$\text{Beta of equity of a geared firm } B_{eg} = B_{eu} \left( \frac{1 + \frac{D(1-T)}{E}}{1} \right) \quad B_{eg} = B_{eu} \left( 1 + \frac{D(1-T)}{E} \right)$$

Where: D = market value of debt  
 E = market value of equity  
 T = Tax rate = 30%  
 B<sub>eu</sub> = Ungeared Beta  
 B<sub>eg</sub> = Geared Beta  
 E?

Gearing	Geared Beta	Cost of equity using CAPM  CAPM (k <sub>e</sub> ) = Risk free rate + Beta (Return from market – Risk free rate)	W.A.C.C =  $k_e \left( \frac{E}{D+E} \right) + k_d(1-T) \left( \frac{D}{D+E} \right)$
10%	$0.85 \left( 1 + \frac{(0.1 \times 0.7)}{0.9} \right) = 0.92$	$6 + (14-6)0.92 = 13.329\%$	$(13.36\% \times 0.9) + [6.5\% (1-0.3) \times 0.1] = 12.45\%$
20%	$0.85 \left( 1 + \frac{(0.2 \times 0.7)}{0.8} \right) = 1.00$	$6 + (14-6)1.00 = 14.00\%$	$(14.00\% \times 0.8) + (7.1\% \times 0.7 \times 0.2) = 12.19\%$
30%	$0.85 \left( 1 + \frac{(0.3 \times 0.7)}{0.7} \right) = 1.105$	$6 + (14-6)1.105 = 14.84\%$	$(14.84\% \times 0.7) + (7.8\% \times 0.7 \times 0.3) = 12.03\%$
40%	$0.85 \left( 1 + \frac{(0.4 \times 0.7)}{0.6} \right) = 1.25$	$6 + (14-6)1.25 = 16.00\%$	$(16\% \times 0.6) + (8.5\% \times 0.7 \times 0.4) = 11.96\%$
50%	$0.85 \left( 1 + \frac{(0.5 \times 0.7)}{0.5} \right) = 1.445$	$6 + (14-6)1.445 = 17.56\%$	$(17.56\% \times 0.5) + (10\% \times 0.7 \times 0.5) = 12.28\%$
60%	$0.85 \left( 1 + \frac{(0.6 \times 0.7)}{0.4} \right) = 1.743$	$6 + (14-6)1.743 = 19.94\%$	$(19.94\% \times 0.4) + (12\% \times 0.7 \times 0.6) = 13.02\%$
70%	$0.85 \left( 1 + \frac{(0.7 \times 0.7)}{0.3} \right) = 2.24$	$6 + (14-6)2.24 = 23.92\%$	$(23.92\% \times 0.3) + (15\% \times 0.7 \times 0.7) = 14.52\%$

The optimal gearing is 40% debt, 60% equity at which WACC is lowest and value of the firm is maximized.

**(b) Uses of Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)**

-WACC is used for making investment decisions of a company. WACC is widely used for making investment decisions in companies by evaluating their projects and various options.

-WACC can be used to calculate Economic Value Added (EVA). EVA can be calculated by deducting the cost of capital from the profits of the company

-It is used for evaluation of projects with same risk. When the new projects have a similar risk level or the risk level is the same as the existing projects of the company

-It is used for evaluation of projects with different risks.

-It is used for valuation of the company

-It is used as a discount rate in net present value calculations. WACC is used as discount rate or the hurdle rate for NPV calculations. All the free cash flows and terminal values are discounted using the WACC.

**Limitations of Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)**

-It can only be used as a discounting rate assuming that the risk of the project is equal to the business risk of the firm. If the project has higher risk of then a percentage premium will be added to WACC to determine the appropriate discounting rate.

-It assumes that capital structure is optimal which is not achievable in the real world.

-It is based on market values of capital which keeps on changing thus WACC will change overtime but is assumed to remain constant throughout the economic life of the project.

-It is based on past information especially when determining the cost of each component e.g. in determining the cost of equity ( $K_e$ ) the past year's DPS is used while the growth rate is estimated from the past stream of dividends.

**(c) Briefly explain the symptoms, causes, and remedies for a company that is overtrading.**

**Symptoms**

Turnover increases rapidly

- The volume of current assets increases faster than sales (fixed assets may also increase)

- Increase in the stock days and debtor days
- The increase in assets is financed by increases in short – term funds such as creditors and bank overdrafts
- The current and quick ratios decline dramatically and current assets will be far lower than current liabilities
- The cash flow position is heading in a disastrous direction

### **Causes**

- Turnover is increased too rapidly without an adequate capital base (management may be overly ambitious)
- The long-term sources of finance are reduced
- A period of high inflation may lead to an erosion of the capital base in real terms and management may be unaware of this erosion
- Management may be completely unaware of the absolute importance of cash flow planning and so may be carried away with profitability to the detriment of this aspect of their financial planning

### **Remedies**

- Postponing expansion plans
- New injections of long –term finance either in terms of debt/equity or some combination
- Better stock/debtor control
- Maintaining/ increasing proportion of long –term finance

### QUESTION THREE

#### Marking guide

#### Marks

a) i. Evaluation of the in proposed investment using Expected portfolio return (Expected Return for X and Y, 1 mark each) Expected portfolio return	2 1
ii. Correlation coefficient between X and security Y (Column 2 and 3, 1 mark each 2 marks maximum) (Column 3, 4 and 5, 2 marks each 6 marks maximum)	8
iii. Portfolio risk of the securities (formula and computation)	2
iv. Reduction in risk due to portfolio diversification	1
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>b) Applications and limitations</b> Applications (1 mark each, maximum of 4) Limitations (1 mark each, maximum of 4)	4 4
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>c) Advantages of integration of international financial markets</b> Advantages (1 mark each, maximum of 3)	3
<b>Total marks</b>	<b>25</b>

#### Detailed Answer

a) Evaluate the proposed investment using the:

##### i) Expected portfolio return

Expected Return = Return \* Probability

$$EP = R_1P_1 + R_2P_2 + R_3P_3 + \dots + R_nP_n$$

Expected Return for X;  $ER_X = (0.4 \times 18\%) + (0.5 \times 14\%) + (0.1 \times 12\%) = 15.4\%$

Expected Return for Y;  $ER_Y = (0.4 \times 24\%) + (0.5 \times 22\%) + (0.1 \times 21\%) = 22.7\%$

Expected Portfolio Return;  $ER_P = (0.4m/2m \times 15.4\%) + (1.6m/2m \times 22.7\%) = 21.24\%$

##### ii) Correlation coefficient between security X and Security Y (8 Marks)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Probability (P)	$R_X - ER_X$	$R_Y - ER_Y$	$(R_X - ER_X)^2P$	$(R_Y - ER_Y)^2P$	$(R_X - ER_X)(R_Y - ER_Y)P$
0.4	18 –	24 – 22.7	2.704	0.676	$2.6 \times 1.3 \times 0.4 = 1.352$

	15.4 =2.6	= 1.3			
0.5	14 -15.4 = -1.4	22 - 22.7 = -0.7	0.98	0.245	-1.4*-0.7*0.5 = 0.490
0.1	12 - 15.4 = - 3.4	21 - 22.7 = -1.7	1.156	0.289	-3.4*-1.7*0.1 = 0.578
			$\delta^2_X = 4.84, \delta_X = 2.20$	$\delta^2_Y = 1.21, \delta_Y = 1.10$	$COV_{XY} = 2.42$ $Y_{XY} = \frac{COV_{XY}}{\delta_X \delta_Y} =$ $\frac{2.42}{2.20 \times 1.1} = +1.00$

### iii) Portfolio risk of the securities

If  $Y_{X,Y} = +1.0$ , the portfolio risk  $\delta p = \delta_X W_X + \delta_Y W_Y$

$$W_X = 0.4/2 = 0.2$$

$$W_Y = 1.6/2 = 0.8$$

$$= (2.20 \times 0.2) + (1.1 \times 0.8) = 1.32$$

$Y_{XY}$  = correlation coefficient of X & Y,

$\delta p$  = standard deviation of portfolio

$\delta X$  = standard deviation of X,

$\delta Y$  = standard deviation of Y,  $W_X$  = Weight of X &  $W_Y$  = Weight of Y

### iv) Reduction in risk due to portfolio diversification

Without portfolio holding, the portfolio risk is the weighted risk of individual assets

$$\delta p = (2.20 \times 0.4) + (1.1 \times 1.6) = 2.64$$

### (No reduction in risk due to combination of two perfectly correlated assets)

- b) Discuss the applications and limitations of Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) as an investment appraisal technique.

### Applications

- CAPM is used in determination of the cost of capital specifically the cost of equity. It is vital in calculating the weighted average cost of capital as CAPM computes the cost of equity
  - It is also used in valuation of securities comparing the expected and required returns (if the expected return is greater than the required return then the security is undervalued.
  - It also helps in appraisal of projects in terms of betas using capital budgeting.
- CAPM is applied in capital budgeting; establishing hurdle rates for a firm's projects.

- CAPM is applied in gearing adjustment between levered and unlevered firms

### **Limitations**

- It is based on some unrealistic assumptions such as Existence of risk-free rate; All assets being perfectly divisible and marketable (human capital is not divisible); Existence of homogenous expectations about the expected returns; Asset returns are normally distributed
- CAPM is a single period model, which means that all investors make the same decision over the same time horizon. Expected returns arise from expectations over the same period. CAPM is unable to capture factors that vary over time and span several periods.
- CAPM is a single factor model because systematic risk is prescribed entirely by one factor; the beta factor. There may be other factors considered under a multi-factor model.
- CAPM assumes full diversification. It assumes that investors are broadly diversified across a range of investments yet many investors do not diversify in a planned manner
- Distinction between lending and borrowing is not considered by CAPM.

Individual investors are unable to borrow (or lend) at the same rate as the government.

Therefore, the minimum required return line might actually be less steep (provide a lower return) than the model calculates.

- Inability to define the exact market composition.

The true market portfolio includes all assets, financial and non-financial, which may not be invested or tradeable.

### **c) Explain the advantages of integration of international financial markets.**

- Integrated markets can transmit important price signals – necessary for an efficient market
- Efficient and integrated market financial markets constitute an important vehicle for promoting domestic savings, investment and consequently economic growth
- Financial market integration fosters the necessary condition for a country's financial sector to emerge as an international or a regional financial centre
- Financial market integration, by enhancing competition and efficiency of intermediaries in their operations and allocation of resources, contributes to financial stability
- Integrated markets lead to innovation and cost-effective intermediation, thereby improving access to financial services for members of the public, institutions and companies alike
- Integrated financial markets induce market discipline and informational efficiency.

## QUESTION FOUR

### Marking guide

### Marks

a) Calculations	
i. Cost of acquisition	1
ii. Net cost of acquisition	
(Number of shares	1
Shares in AB after merger 1 mark,	1
Cost of equity of YZ	1
value of merged Company	2
Value per share of merged company	1
Cost of acquisition	1
iii. Gain from Acquisition of YZ ltd by AB ltd	3
iv. New share price	3
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>14</b>

b) Advantages and disadvantages of Management Buy In as applied in M&A	
Advantages (1 mark each, maximum of 3)	3
Disadvantages (1 mark each, maximum of 4)	4
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>7</b>

c) Difference between international money market and capital market	
Definition and explanation of international money market	2
Definition and explanation of capital market	2
<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total marks</b>	<b>25</b>

### Detailed Answer

a) The effects of acquisition on:

i) the cost of acquisition by AB ltd if Frw. 600 is paid for each share of YZ ltd

Cash payable to YZ Ltd	(120,000 shares * Frw. 600)	Frw 72,000,000
Market value of YZ Ltd	(120,000 shares * Frw. 500)	Frw 60,000,000
Net cost of acquisition		Frw 12,000,000

ii) the net cost of acquisition if the agreed exchange ratio is one share of AB ltd for every three shares of YZ ltd, in lieu of cash acquisition as per (i) above

Net cost of acquisition based on the issue of shares

Exchange ratio = 1 share of AB Ltd. For every 3 shares of YZ Ltd

Number of shares to be issued in AB ltd =  $120,000/3 = 40,000$  shares

Total number of shares in AB ltd after merger =  $200,000 + 40,000 = 240,000$  shares

Calculation of cost of Equity of YZ ltd

$$= \frac{D_1}{P_0} + g = \frac{\text{Frw } 20}{\text{Frw } 500} + 0.06 = 0.10 = 10\%$$

Growth rate under new management after acquisition = 8 %

Value of merged company assuming perpetual growth

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\text{Frw } 1800 \times 200,000) + \left[ \left( \frac{\text{Frw } 20}{\text{Frw } 500} \right) \times 120,000 \right] \\ &= \text{Frw } 360,000,000 + \text{Frw } 120,000,000 = \text{Frw } 480,000,000 \end{aligned}$$

Value per share of the merged company

$$= \text{Frw } 480,000,000 / 240,000 \text{ shares} = \text{Frw } 2,000 \text{ per share}$$

Calculation of the net cost of acquisition:

Gross cost of acquisition =  $40,000 \text{ shares} \times 2,000 = 80,000,000$

Less: current market price = 60,000,000

Cost of acquisition = 20,000,000

iii) the gain from acquisition of YZ ltd by AB ltd **(3 Marks)**

Gain from acquisition = Value of merged co. – (Value of AB + Value of YZ)

$$= \text{Frw. } 480,000,000 - (\text{Frw. } 360,000,000 + 60,000,000) = \text{Frw. } 60,000,000$$

iv) If the expected growth rate continues to be 6% per annum, how will the new share price as well as cost be different?

When the acquisition is based on share exchange, then variation will occur in cost of acquisition as under:



$$\begin{aligned} \text{The new share price will be } & \frac{(200,000 \times \text{Frw } 1800) + (120,000 \times \text{Frw } 500)}{200,000 + 40,000} \\ & = \frac{\text{Frw } 360,000,000 + \text{Frw } 60,000,000}{240,000} = \text{Frw } 1750 \text{ per share} \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of the net cost of acquisition:

Gross cost of acquisition (40,000 shares * Frw. 1,750)	70,000,000
Less: current market price (120,000 * Frw. 500)	<u>60,000,000</u>
New cost of acquisition	<u>10,000,000</u>

b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of Management Buy In as applied in Mergers and Acquisition

#### Advantages of Management Buy In (MBI)

- The buyers, in many cases, get undervalued companies in MBI. The value of which can be unlocked and sold at much higher prices later.
- If the current owners of a company are not able to manage the company, MBI is a win-win situation for both buyers as well as the sellers.
- The new management team might have better knowledge, contacts, experience, etc. It might actually help the company grow and maximize the shareholder's wealth.

#### Disadvantages of Management Buy In (MBI)

- The new management team may also fail to bring the required growth in the company.
- There are chances that even after changing the management, companies may not be successful.
- The existing employees of the company may feel demotivated.
- The buyer may end up paying way more than required if they estimate the value of the company

c) Write short note distinguishing between international money market and capital market

An international money market is a market for short term investments only globally. The money market does not necessarily need physical location in which to operate and is better understood as a loose network of traders and financial institutions engaged in an on-going process of electronic trading. The instruments used in this market include commercial papers, repurchase agreements, and certificate of deposit. Whereas capital markets are markets where long term financial instruments are initially raised and subsequently traded. It is the market where business seeks long term financial capital will support the company and its ongoing operations. The capital market also represents a structured interface between those with surplus funds who are seeking out remunerative opportunities (global investors) and those agents with a capital deficit who need to raise additional finance (global borrowers).

### End of Model Answers and Marking guide