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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

## KFI 306 - RISK MANAGEMENT

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

### ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS\_

### **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Write short notes on the following;
  - i) Basic risk
  - ii) Interest rate risk
  - iii) Operational risk
  - iv) Payment system risk

(8 Marks)

b) Write the different between portfolio and portfolio management.

(4 Marks)

- c) A company would like to use the variance analysis in selecting the best machine for operation.
  - i) Explain the term variance analysis.

(2 Marks)

ii) The standard variance for less risk machine is 2.

From the collected data select the best machine to be selected by the company

Machine A: 2, 3, 5, 3, and 5

(5 Marks)

(5 Marks)

Machine B: 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5

(5 Marks)

d) Sketch a graph showing the relationship between returns and standard deviation (or risk) in risk return trade off. (4 Marks)

### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Discus any of the following terms in financial decision making process.

a) Generate Good Alternatives (10 Marks)

b) Explore the Alternatives (10 Marks)

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Explain the following risk management theories;

- a) The Prospect Theory (4 Marks)
- b) Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT) (4 Marks)
- c) Using relevant examples explain how each of the above theories would minimize risk in a firm (12 Marks)

# **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Giving relevant examples, explain the following terms as used in risk management.

- a) Risk Aversion. (5 Marks)
- b) The Risk Return Relationship (5 Marks)
- c) Risk free investment. (5 Marks)
- d) Risk Management Plan. (5 Marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss four steps to be considered in risk management approach. (8 Marks)
- b) States at least five the assumption made by Harry Markowitz Model on risk management (5 Marks)

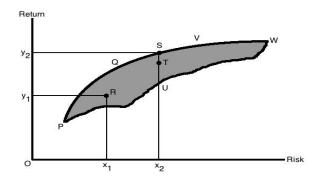


Figure 1: Risk-Return of Possible Portfolios

From the figure above the shaded region pywy included all the possible securities.

- i) Explain the meaning of efficient portfolios (2 Marks)
- ii) Using the value xi and x2 explain how one would generate a less risk portfolio.

(3 Marks)

iii) Explain how you can use the Harry Markowitz model to select the best portfolio.

(2 Marks)