

PGDM, 2015-17

Derivatives and Risk Management

DM-413

Trimester – IV, End-Term Examination: September 2016

Time Allowed: 2 Hrs 30 mins

Max Marks: 50

Sec A

(Answer any three questions out of five. Each question carries five marks)

1. On 15-02-15, at the open of the CBOT, you went long one March 2016 gold futures contract. Here were the prices for gold futures contracts traded Chicago Board of Trade on 15-02-15:

| | Open | Day's High | Day's Low | Close |
|-------------------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|
| March 2016 GBP | 356.02 | 358.14 | 356.02 | 357.80 |
| March 2015 GBP | 356.90 | 357.80 | 356.80 | 357.60 |

The initial margin per gold futures contract was \$1,225 and the maintenance margin was \$1,000. Each gold futures calls for delivery of 100 troy ounces of gold.

- a. Assume it cost you \$17.50 in brokerage fees to buy the contract, and \$17.50 to close your position. If you closed out your position at the market close on 15-02-15, how much did you gain or lose between on 15-02-15? Explain.
- b. Detail all the cash-flows that you paid or received on that day. Explain briefly.

2. Explain carefully the difference between hedging, speculation and arbitrage.

3. Suppose that you own 5000 shares worth of INR 30 each. How can a put option be used to provide you with insurance against a decline in the value of your holding over the next three months.

4. A trader writes a December put option with a strike of INR 30. The price of option is INR 4.00. Under what circumstances does the trader make a gain?

5. 'Speculation in futures market is pure gambling. It is not in the public interest to allow speculators to trade on a futures exchange'. Explore this viewpoint.

Sec B

(Answer any two questions out of three. Each question carries ten marks)

6. Suppose that a March call option to buy a share for INR 50 costs INR 2.50 and is held till March. Under what circumstances will the holder of the option make a profit? Under what circumstances will the option be exercised? Draw a diagram illustrating how the profit from a long position in the option depends on the stock price at maturity of the option. (10 marks)
7. A stock price is currently INR 70. It is known that at the end of 4 month it will be either INR 60 or INR 80. If the risk free interest rate is 15% with continuous compounding, what is the value of 6-month European option with a strike price of INR 68? (10 marks)
8. Company A and B have been offered the following rates per annum on a 100 lacs rupee loan for 5 years.

| | Fixed Rate | Floating Rate |
|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Company A | 12% | MIBOR + 0.1% |
| Company B | 14.5% | MIBOR + 0.9% |

Company A requires a floating rate loan; company B requires a fixed rate loan. Design a swap that will net a bank, acting as intermediary, 0.1% per annum and that will appear equally attractive to both the companies. (10 marks)

Sec C

(Compulsory)

9. Please refer the attached option chain at National Stock Exchange (NSE) as on 2nd September, 2016. As you notice, the spot Nifty is 8784.35. With reference to the given option chain, answer the following questions:
- How would you construct Bull Call Spread strategy at strike(s) of 8400 and 9000?
 - Find out its cost, payoff, break-even point and the maximum loss
 - What would be the profit/loss is after 1 month the index value were i) 8500 ii) 8900
- d) Draw a complete diagram for the abovementioned Bull Call Spread strategy.

(15 marks)

