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科目：財務管理
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I. Multiple Choice Questions (4 points each, total 88 points)

Please write down the answers on the provided answer sheet.

1. P/E ratios tend to be _____ when inflation is _____.
 - a. Higher, higher
 - b. Lower, lower
 - c. Higher, lower
 - d. Lower, higher
 - e. none of the above

2. Which one of the following will cause the value of a call to decrease?
 - a. lowering the exercise price
 - b. increasing the time to expiration
 - c. increasing the risk-free rate
 - d. increasing the stock price
 - e. lowering the risk level of the underlying security

3. According to theory, studying historical prices in order to identify mispriced stocks will not work in markets that are _____ efficient.
 - I. weak-form
 - II. semistrong-form
 - III. strong-form
 - a. I only
 - b. II only
 - c. III only
 - d. II and III only
 - e. I, II, and III

4. Which one of the following actions by a financial manager creates an agency problem?
 - a. increasing current costs in order to increase the market value of the stockholders' equity
 - b. refusing to borrow money when doing so will create losses for the firm
 - c. refusing to lower selling prices if doing so will reduce the net profits
 - d. agreeing to expand the company at the expense of stockholders' value
 - e. none of the above

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5. Lengthening the credit period _____ the price paid by the customer. Generally, this acts to _____ sales.
- decreases; increase
 - increases; decrease
 - decreases; decrease
 - increases; increase
 - decrease; have no effect on
6. Financial leverage impacts the performance of the firm by:
- increasing the volatility of the firm's EBIT.
 - decreasing the volatility of the firm's EBIT.
 - decreasing the volatility of the firm's EPS.
 - increasing the volatility of the firm's EPS.
 - none of the above.
7. A firm with high operating leverage has:
- low fixed costs in its production process.
 - high variable costs in its production process.
 - low variable costs in its production process.
 - high fixed costs in its production process.
 - none of the above.
8. Including the option to expand in your project analysis will tend to:
- have no effect on either a project's cash flows or its net present value.
 - increase the cash flows of a project but decrease the project's net present value.
 - increase the net present value of a project.
 - decrease the internal rate of return (IRR) of a project.
 - none of the above.
9. All else equal, the payback period for a project will decrease whenever the:
- required return for a project increases.
 - initial cost decreases.
 - assigned discount rate decreases.
 - cash inflows are moved later in time.
 - duration of a project is lengthened.

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10. The free cash flow hypothesis states:

- a. that firm with greater free cash flow will pay more in dividends reducing the risk of financial distress.
- b. that firm with greater free cash flow should issue new equity to force managers to minimize wasting resources and to work harder.
- c. that issuing debt requires interest and principal payments reducing the potential of management to waste resources.
- d. All of the above
- e. none of the above

11. The main difference between the three forms of market efficiency is that

- A) the definition of efficiency differs.
- B) the definition of excess return differs.
- C) the definition of prices differs.
- D) the definition of information differs.
- E) None of the above.

12. Two bonds are selling at par value and each has 17 years to maturity. The first bond has a coupon rate of 6% and the second bond has a coupon rate of 13%. Which of the following is **true** about the durations of these bonds?

- A) The duration of the higher-coupon bond will be higher.
- B) The duration of the lower-coupon bond will be higher.
- C) The duration of the higher-coupon bond will equal the duration of the lower-coupon bond.
- D) There is no consistent statement that can be made about the durations of the bonds.
- E) None of the above.

13. Which of the following statements is true?

- a. In efficient markets, a stock's price should change with the arrival of new information.
- b. Strong form market efficiency is not supported by the empirical evidence.
- c. Studies by Fama and French and others find returns of high book to market stocks are higher than low book to market value stocks.
- d. All of the above.
- e. None of the above.

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14. The internal rate of return (IRR):

- I. rule states that a typical investment project with an IRR that is larger than the required rate should be accepted.
 - II. is the rate generated solely by the cash flows of an investment.
 - III. is the rate that causes the net present value of a project to exactly equal zero.
 - IV. can effectively be used to analyze all investment scenarios.
- a. I and IV only
 - b. II and III only
 - c. II, III, and IV only
 - d. I, II, and III only
 - e. none of the above

15. The optimal capital structure will tend to include more debt for firms with:

- a. the highest depreciation deductions.
- b. the lowest marginal tax rate.
- c. substantial tax shields from other sources.
- d. less taxable income
- e. none of the above

16. A Treasury bond due in one year has a yield of 6.2%; a Treasury bond due in 5 years has a yield of 6.7%. A bond issued by General Motors due in 5 years has a yield of 7.9%; a bond issued by Exxon due in one year has a yield of 7.2%. The default risk premiums on the bonds issued by Exxon and General Motors, respectively, are

- A) 0.7% and 0.5%
- B) 0.5% and .7%
- C) 1.2% and 1.0%
- D) 1.0% and 1.2%
- E) none of the above

17. Which of the following are used by fundamental analysts to determine proper stock prices?

- I) trendlines
- II) earnings
- III) dividend prospects
- IV) expectations of future interest rates
- V) resistance levels

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- A) I, IV, and V
- B) I, II, and III
- C) II, III, and IV
- D) II, IV, and V
- E) none of the above items are used by fundamental analysts.

18. Your opinion is that security A has an expected rate of return of 0.125. It has a beta of 1.5. The risk-free rate is 0.04 and the market expected rate of return is 0.11. According to the Capital Asset Pricing Model, this security is

- A) underpriced.
- B) overpriced.
- C) fairly priced.
- D) cannot be determined from data provided.
- E) none of the above.

19. Which statement is true regarding the Capital Market Line (CML)?

- A) The CML is the line from the risk-free rate through the market portfolio.
- B) The CML is the best attainable capital allocation line.
- C) The CML always has a positive slope.
- D) All of the above statements are true.
- E) None of the above statements are true.

20. A potential merger which has synergy:

- a. should be rejected due to the projected negative cash flows.
- b. creates value and therefore should be pursued.
- c. has a net present value of zero and thus returns the minimal required rate of return.
- d. should be rejected because synergy destroys firm value.
- e. none of the above.

21. The market's reaction to a change in a firm's dividend payout is referred to as the:

- a. information content effect.
- b. clientele effect.
- c. efficient markets hypothesis.
- d. free cash flow hypothesis
- e. weak-form efficiency.

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22. The proposition that the value of a levered firm is equal to the value of an unlevered firm is known as:

- a. M&M Proposition I with no tax.
- b. M&M Proposition II with no tax.
- c. M&M Proposition I with tax.
- d. M&M Proposition II with tax.
- e. none of the above.

II. Problem Solving and Essay Questions (total 12 points)

1. The NUK Corp. uses packing machines to prepare its products for shipping. One machine costs \$136,000 and lasts about 4 years before it needs replaced. The operating cost per machine is \$6,000 a year. What is the equivalent annual cost of one packing machine if the required rate of return is 12%? (6 points)

2. The NUK corp. will pay an annual dividend of \$2.06 a share on its common stock next year. Last week, the company paid a dividend of \$2.00 a share. The company adheres to a constant rate of growth dividend policy. What will one share of NUK corp. common stock be worth eight years from now if the applicable discount rate is 10%? (6 points)