

- c. Excel Ltd paid a dividend of Rs.2.75 during the current year. Forecasts suggest that earnings and dividends of the company are likely to grow at the rate of 8% over the next five years and at the rate of 5% thereafter. Investors have traditionally required a rate of return of 20% on these shares. What is the present value of stock? (08 Marks)

- 5 a. List the basic tenets of DOW theory. (02 Marks)
 b. Describe the various forms of market efficiency. Explain the various tests of market efficiency. (06 Marks)
 c. Following information is available in respect of market:

Security	Expected return (%)	Beta
A	22.20	1.75
B	15.80	1.90
C	18.00	1.10
D	9.00	0.95
E	25.80	2.00
T-Bill	8.00	-
Nifty	15.00	1.00

- i) Which of the securities are underpriced or overpriced in terms of security market line?
 ii) What expected returns an investor would have if the investor forms an equally weighted portfolio of all the risky securities from A to E? (08 Marks)

- 6 a. Distinguish between CML and SML. (02 Marks)
 b. Describe the various mutual fund schemes available in India. (06 Marks)
 c. A Rs.100 par value bond bears a coupon rate of 14% and matures after five years. Interest is paid semi-annually. Compute the value of the bond if the required rate of return is 16%. (08 Marks)

- 7 a. What is RSI? (02 Marks)
 b. Describe Markowitz efficient frontier and explain how it dominates the portfolios that lie below it. (06 Marks)
 c. A financial analyst is analysis of two investment alternatives, A and B. The estimates rates of return and their chances of occurrence for the next year are given in the table below:

Probability	Rates of Return (%)	
	A	B
0.20	22%	5%
0.60	14%	15%
0.20	-4%	25%

- i) Determine the expected rate of return and standard deviation of A and B.
 ii) If the financial analyst wishes to invest half in A and another half in B, would it reduce risk? Explain the reason for it. (08 Marks)

8 **CASE STUDY:**

ST and BT companies' shares are presently sold at Rs.60 and Rs.100 respectively. Annual dividends over the next year are expected to be Rs.1.5 and Rs.2.5 respectively. ST's projected earnings per share is Rs.2.5 and BT's is Rs.4. ST's dividends are expected to grow at 10% per annum in the future and BT's by 9%. Financial analysts have estimated the likely prices for the year ahead on two stocks to be Rs.66, Rs.72, Rs.75 for ST and Rs.114, Rs.110, Rs.132 for BT.

- a. You are required to examine the return of each company's stock. Choose one stock to be purchased for a holding period of one year. Support your choice. (08 Marks)
 b. If the investor's required rate of return is 12% and he wants to hold the stock for a longer period, which stock would you suggest? Why? (08 Marks)

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