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SIXTH SEMESTER B.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025

(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

FINANCE

GBCM6B16T: FUNDAMENTALS OF INVESTMENTS

Time: 2 ½ Hours Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks. (Ceiling 25 marks)

- 1. How you will value irredeemable bonds?
- 2. Write a note on Markowitz model of portfolio theory.
- 3. Comment on Repo instrument.
- 4. What do you mean by SCORES?
- 5. Give an account on efficient frontier.
- 6. What is feasible set of portfolio?
- 7. What is single period valuation model of dividend capitalization?
- 8. What is dividend pay-out ratio?
- 9. State Random walk theory.
- 10. What do you mean by financial intermediary?
- 11. Differentiate between income and capital appreciation.
- 12. Mention the regulation risk involved in investment.
- 13. What do you mean by ABC correction?
- 14. Comment on portfolio management.
- 15. Define investor.

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks. (Ceiling 35 marks)

- 16. Differentiate between shares and debentures.
- 17. Explain important investor protection strategies followed by SEBI.
- 18. Discuss the differences between commercial paper and certificate of deposit.

19. Calculate the expected return and standard deviation of returns for a stock having the following probability distribution of returns.

Possible return (%)	Probability of occurrence	
-25	0.05	
-10	0.10	
0	0.10	
15	0.15	
20	0.25	
30	0.20	
35	0.15	

20. X Ltd. has declared dividend during the past five years as follows:

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Rate of	12	10	15	11	16
dividend %	13	1.2	13	11	16

The average rate of return prevailing in the same industry is 13%. Calculate the value per share of Rs 10 based on dividend yield method.

- 21. 'Efficient capital market mean that security prices fully reflect all information' Discuss.
- 22. What are the mathematical indicators in technical analysis?
- 23. Discuss the advantages of investor activism.

SECTION C: Answer any two questions. Each carries ten marks.

24. A stock costing Rs 130 pays no dividends. The possible prices that the stock might sell for at the end of the year with respective probabilities are:

Possible return	Probability
120	0.1
130	0.1
140	0.2
150	0.3
160	0.2
170	0.1

Compute the expected return and its standard deviation.

- 25. Hilton limited has a 14% debenture with a face value of Rs. 100 that matures at par in 15 years. The debenture is callable in 5 years at Rs. 114. It currently sells for Rs. 105. Calculate:
 - a) Current yield.
 - b) Yield to call.
 - c) Yield to maturity.
- 26. Illustrate and explain EIC framework of fundamental analysis.
- 27. The rate of return and its probabilities of occurrence of two stock X and Y are given below:

Year	Return on stock X	Return on stock Y
2021	14	12
2022	16	18
2023	18	15

- a) Find out the expected rate of return on portfolio made up of 40% of X and 60% of Y.
- b) What is the standard deviation of each stock?
- c) Determine the coefficient of correlation of stock X and stock Y.
- d) What is the portfolio risk if the proportion changes to 60% of X and 40% of Y?

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ Marks})$