

SUGGESTED SOLUTION

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ANSWER-1 ANSWER-A

Firm A Ltd. (pure equity): unlevered firm: EAT = EBIT
$$(1 - t)$$

$$= EBT \times 0.7 = Rs. 2,50,000 \times 0.7 = Rs. 1,75,000$$

(since, EBIT = EBT as there is no debt)

Value of unlevered firm A = EAT / Equity capitalization rate

Firm B Ltd. (levered):

Value of levered firm = Value of equity + Value of debt

= Rs.
$$8,75,000 + (10,00,000) \times 0.3$$

(2.5 MARKS*2 = 5 MARKS)

ANSWER-B

In this case the company has paid dividend of Rs.2 per share during the last year. The growth rate (g) is 5%. Then, the current year dividend (D1) with the expected growth rate of 5% will be Rs. 2.10

The share price is =
$$P_0 = \frac{D1}{Ke-g}$$

$$= Rs. 2.10 / 0.155 - 0.05 = Rs. 20$$
 (2 MARKS)

(i) In case the growth rate rises to 8% then the dividend for the current year (D1) would be Rs. 2.16 and market price would be-

$$= Rs. 2.16 / 0.155 - 0.08 = Rs. 28.80$$

(1.5 MARKS)

(ii) In case growth rate falls to 3% then the dividend for the current year (D $_{1}$) would be $_{1}$ Rs. 2.06 and market price would be-

$$= Rs. 2.06 / 0.155 - 0.03 = Rs. 16.48$$

So, the market price of the share is expected to vary in response to change in expected growth rate is dividends.

(1.5 MARKS)

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

	Present Plan (20,000 units)	Proposed Plan (22,000 units)
Sales	Rs.20,00,000	Rs.22,00,000
-Variable costs (Rs. 88 per unit)	17,60,000	19,36,000
-Fixed costs (20,000 units X Rs. 4)	80,000	80,000
Net Profit	1,60,000	1,84,000
Investment cost	27,600	50,400
Income	1,32,400	1,33,600

The firm should relax its credit policy as it increases the profit by Rs. 1,200.

(3 MARKS)

Working Notes:

The investment costs have been calculated as follows:

	Present Plan	Proposed Plan
O' of sales (Variable + Fixed cost)	Rs.18,40,000	Rs.20,16,000
Average daily sale (360 days a year)	5,111	5,600
Credit period	36 days	60 days
Therefore, average debtors	1,84,000	3,36,000
Interest @15%	27,600	50,400

(2 MARKS)

ANSWER-D

Statement showing the determination of the risk adjusted net present value

Projects	Net cash outlays	Coefficient of variation	Risk adjusted discount rate	Annual cash inflow	PV factor 1-5 years	Discounted cash inflow	Net present value
	(Rs.)			(Rs.)		(Rs.)	(Rs.)
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii) = (v) ?	(viii) = (vii)
							– (ii)

						(vi)	
Х	2,10,000	1.20	16%	70,000	3.274	2,29,180	19,180
Y	1,20,000	0.80	14%	42,000	3.433	1,44,186	24,186
Z	1,00,000	0.40	12%	30,000	3.605	1,08,150	8,150

(5 MARKS)

ANSWER-2

(i) Statement of Weighted Average Cost of Capital

Project Cost	Financing	Proportion of capital	After tax cost (1 – Tax 50%)	Weighted average cost (%)
		Structure		
Upto Rs. 2 Lakhs	Debt	0.4	10% (1 – 0.5)	$0.4 \times 5 = 2.0$
			= 5%	
	Equity	0.6	12%	$0.6 \times 12 = 7.2$
				9.2%
Above Rs. 2 lakhs &	Debt	0.4	11% (1 – 0.5)	$0.4 \times 5.5 = 2.2$
upto to Rs. 5 lakhs			= 5.5%	
	Equity	0.6	13%	$0.6 \times 13 = 7.8$
				10.0%
Above Rs. 5 lakhs	Debt	0.4	12% (1 – 05)	$0.4 \times 6 = 2.4$
			= 6%	
& upto Rs. 10 lakhs	Equity	0.6	14%	$0.6 \times 14 = 8.4$
				10.8%
Above Rs. 10 lakhs &	Debt	0.4	13% (1 – 0.5)	$0.4 \times 6.5 = 2.6$
upto Rs. 20 lakhs			= 6.5%	
	Equity	0.6	14.5%	$0.6 \times 14.5 = 8.7$
				11.3%

Project	Fund requirement	Cost of Capital
Х	Rs. 6.5 lakhs	10.8% (from the above table)
Υ	Rs. 14 lakhs	11.3% (from the above table)

(8 MARKS)

(ii) If a project is expected to give after tax return of 10%, it would be acceptable provided its project cost does not exceed Rs. 5 lakhs or, after tax return should be more than or at least equal to the weighted average cost of capital. (2 MARKS)

Working Notes:

Depreciation on Machine -I = 30,00,000/10 = Rs. 3,00,000

Depreciation on Machine – II = 40,00,000/10 = Rs. 4,00,000

Particulars	Machine-I (Rs.)	Machine – II (Rs.)
Annual Income (before Tax and Depreciation)	12,50,000	17,50,000
Less: Depreciation	3,00,000	4,00,000
Annual Income (before Tax)	9,50,000	13,50,000
Less: Tax @ 30%	(2,85,000)	(4,05,000)
Annual Income (after Tax)	6,65,000	9,45,000
Add: Depreciation	3,00,000	4,00,000
Annual Cash Inflows	9,65,000	13,45,000

	Machine – I				Machine -	· II	
Year	PV of Re 1 @ 15%	Cash flow	PV	Cumulative PV	Cash flow	PV	Cumulative PV
1	0.870	9,65,000	8,39,550	8,39,550	13,45,000	11,70,150	11,70,150
2	0.756	9,65,000	7,29,540	15,69,090	13,45,000	10,16,820	21,86,970
3	0.658	9,65,000	6,34,970	22,04,060	13,45,000	8,85,010	30,71,980
4	0.572	9,65,000	5,51,980	27,56,040	13,45,000	7,69,340	38,41,320
5	0.497	9,65,000	4,79,605	32,35,645	13,45,000	6,68,465	45,09,785

(6 MARKS)

(i) Discounted Payback Period

Machine - I

Discounted Payback Period = $4 + \frac{(30,00,000-27,56,040)}{4,79,605}$

=
$$4 + \frac{2,43,960}{4,79,605} = 4 + 0.5087 = 4.5087$$
 years or 4 years 6.10 months

Machine - II

Discounted Payback Period = $4 + \frac{(40,00,000-38,41,320)}{6,68,465}$

$$=4+\frac{1,58,680}{6,68,465}=4+0.2374=4.2374$$
 years or 4 years 2.85 months

(ii) Net Present Value (NPV)

Machine - I

$$NPV = 32,35,645 - 30,00,000 = Rs. 2,35,645$$

Machine – II

$$NPV = 45,09,785 - 40,00,000 = Rs. 5,09,785$$

(iii) Profitability Index

Machine – I

Profitability Index =
$$\frac{32,35,645}{30,00,000}$$
 = 1.08

Machine – II

Profitability Index =
$$\frac{45,09,785}{40,00,000}$$
 = 1.13

(3*1 = 3 MARKS)

Conclusion: (1 MARK)

Method	Machine - I	Machine - II	Rank
Discounted Payback Period	4.51 years	4.24 years	Ш
Net Present Value	Rs2,35,645	Rs. 5,09,785	II

Profitability Index	1.08	1.13	II	
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ANSWER-4 Statement showing Working Capital Investment for each policy

(Rs. in crore)

	Working Capital Policy		
	Conservat ive	Moder ate	Aggressi ve
Current Assets: (i)	4.50	3.90	2.60
Fixed Assets: (ii)	2.60	2.60	2.60
Total Assets: (iii)	7.10	6.50	5.20
Current liabilities: (iv)	2.34	2.34	2.34
Net Worth: (v) = (iii) - (iv)	4.76	4.16	2.86
Total liabilities: (iv) + (v)	7.10	6.50	5.20
Estimated Sales: (vi)	12.30	11.50	10.00
EBIT: (vii)	1.23	1.15	1.00
(a) Net working capital position: (i) - (iv)	2.16	1.56	0.26
(b) Rate of return: (vii) /(iii)	17.32%	17.69%	19.23%
(c) Current ratio: (i)/(iv)	1.92	1.67	1.11

(3 MARKS)

(ii) Statement Showing Effect of Alternative Financing Policy

(Rs. in crore)

Financing Policy	Conservative	Moderate	Aggressive
Current Assets (i)	3.90	3.90	3.90
Fixed Assets (ii)	2.60	2.60	2.60
Total Assets (iii)	6.50	6.50	6.50
Current Liabilities (iv)	2.34	2.34	2.34

Short term Debt (v)	0.54	1.00	1.50
Total current liabilities	2.88	3.34	3.84
(vi) = (iv) + (v)			
Long term Debt (vii)	1.12	0.66	0.16
Equity Capital (viii)	2.50	2.50	2.50
Total liabilities (ix) = (vi)+(vii)+(viii)	6.50	6.50	6.50
Forecasted Sales	11.50	11.50	11.50
EBIT (x)	1.15	1.15	1.15
Less: Interest on short-term debt	0.06	0.12	0.18
	(12% of Rs.0.54)	(12% of Rs. 1)	(12% of Rs. 1.5)
Interest on long term debt	0.18	0.11	0.03
	(16% of Rs.1.12)	(16% of Rs.0.66)	(16% of Rs.0.16)
Earnings before tax (EBT) (xi)	0.91	0.92	0.94
Taxes @ 35% (xii)	0.32	0.32	0.33
Earnings after tax: (xiii) = (xi) - (xii)	0.59	0.60	0.61
(a) Net Working Capital Position: (i) - [(iv) + (v)]	1.02	0.56	0.06
(b) Rate of return on shareholders Equity capital : (xiii)/ (viii)	23.6%	24.0%	24.4%
(c) Current Ratio (i) / (vi)	1.35	1.17	1.02

(7 MARKS)

ANSWER-5

Workings:-

Total Assets = Rs.1 crore

Total Asset Turnover Ratio i.e. = TOTAL SALES/ TOTAL ASSETS = 5

Hence, Total Sales = Rs. 1 Crore X 5 = Rs. 5 crore

(1) Income Statement

	(Rs. in crore)
Sales	5
Less: Variable cost @ 60%	3
Contribution	2
Less: Fixed cost (other than Interest)	0.2
EBIT (Earnings before interest and tax)	1.8
Less: Interest on debentures (12% x 50 lakhs)	0.06
EBT (Earning before tax)	1.74
Less: Tax 25%	0.435
EAT (Earning after tax)	1.305

(3 MARKS)

(2) (a) Operating Leverage

Operating leverage =
$$\frac{Contribution}{EBIT} = \frac{2}{1.8} = 1.11$$

It indicates fixed cost in cost structure. It indicates sensitivity of earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) to change in sales at a particular level.

(b) Financial Leverage

Financial Leverage =
$$\frac{EBIT}{EBT} = \frac{1.8}{1.74} = 1.03$$

The financial leverage is very comfortable since the debt service obligation is small vis-à-vis EBIT.

(c) Combined Leverage

Combined Leverage =
$$\frac{Contribution}{EBIT} \times \frac{EBIT}{EBT} = 1.11 \times 1.03 = 1.15$$

Or

$$\frac{Contribution}{EBT} = \frac{2}{1.74} = 1.15$$

The combined leverage studies the choice of fixed cost in cost structure and choice of debt in capital structure. It studies how sensitive the change in EPS is vis-à-vis change in sales.

The leverages- operating, financial and combined are measures of risk.

(7 MARKS)

ANSWER-6

ANSWER-A

There are various factors like price of the product/ service, demand, price of inputs e.g. raw material, labour etc., which is to be managed by an organization on a continuous basis. Proportion of debt also needs to be managed by an organization very delicately. Higher debt requires higher interest and if the cash inflow is not sufficient then it will put lot of pressure to the organization. Both short term and long term creditors will put stress to the firm. If all the above factors are not well managed by the firm, it can create situation known as distress, so financial distress is a position where Cash inflows of a firm are inadequate to meet all its current obligations.

Now if distress continues for a long period of time, firm may have to sell its asset, even many times at a lower price. Further when revenue is inadequate to revive the situation, firm will not be able to meet its obligations and become insolvent. So, insolvency basically means inability of a firm to repay various debts and is a result of continuous financial distress.

(4 MARKS)

ANSWER-B

The limitations of financial ratios are listed below:

- (i) <u>Diversified product lines:</u> Many businesses operate a large number of divisions in quite different industries. In such cases ratios calculated on the basis of aggregate data cannot be used for inter-firm comparisons.
- (ii) <u>Financial data are badly distorted by inflation:</u> Historical cost values may be substantially different from true values. Such distortions of financial data are also carried in the financial ratios.
- (iii) Seasonal factors may also influence financial data.
- (iv) To give a **good shape to the popularly used financial ratios** (like current ratio, debt- equity ratios, etc.): The business may make some year-end adjustments. Such window dressing can change the character of financial ratios which would be different had there been no such change.
- (v) <u>Differences in accounting policies and accounting period</u>: It can make the accounting data of two firms non-comparable as also the accounting ratios.

- (vi) There is no standard set of ratios against which a firm's ratios can be compared: Sometimes a firm's ratios are compared with the industry average. But if a firm desires to be above the average, then industry average becomes a low standard. On the other hand, for a below average firm, industry averages become too high a standard to achieve.
- (vii) <u>Financial ratios are inter-related, not independent</u>: Viewed in isolation one ratio may highlight efficiency. But when considered as a set of ratios they may speak differently. Such interdependence among the ratios can be taken care of through multivariate analysis.

(4 MARKS)

ANSWER-C

In dividend price approach, cost of equity capital is computed by dividing the expected dividend by market price per share. This ratio expresses the cost of equity capital in relation to what yield the company should pay to attract investors. It is computed as:

$$Ke = \frac{D1}{P0}$$

Where,

D1 = Dividend per share in period 1

P0 = Market price per share today

(2 MARKS)

ANSWER-7

ANSWER-A

Income Method

GDPMP = Employee compensation (wages and salaries + employers' contribution towards social security schemes) + profits + rent + interest + mixed income + depreciation + net indirect taxes (Indirect taxes - subsidies) GDPMP

$$= 6,508 + 34 + 1060 + 806 + 682 + 1,000 + 800 = 10,890$$

GNPMP = GDPMP + NFIA =10,890+ 40 = **10,930**

Expenditure Method

Y = 10890

GNPMP = GDPMP + NFIA =10,890+ 40 =10,930

(3 MARKS)

ANSWER-B

Foreign direct investment is defined as a process whereby the resident of one country (i.e. home country) acquires ownership of an asset in another country (i.e. the host country) and such movement of capital involves ownership, control as well as management of the asset in the host country. Direct investments are real investments in factories, assets, land, inventories etc. and have three components, viz., equity capital, reinvested earnings and other direct capital in the form of intra-company loans. Foreign direct investment also includes all subsequent investment transactions between the investor and the enterprise and among affiliated enterprises, both incorporated and unincorporated. FDI involves long term relationship and reflects a lasting interest and control. According to the IMF and OECD definitions, the acquisition of at least ten percent of the ordinary shares or voting power in a public or private enterprise by non-resident investors makes it eligible to be categorized as FDI. FDI may be categorized as horizontal, vertical, conglomerate and two- way direct foreign investments which are reciprocal investments.

(3 MARKS)

Benefits of Foreign Direct Investment

Following are the benefits ascribed to foreign investments:

- (i) Entry of foreign enterprises usually <u>fosters competition and generates a</u> <u>competitive environment</u> in the host country.
- (ii) International capital allows countries to finance more investment than can be supported by domestic savings resulting in higher productivity and enhanced output.

(2*1=2 MARKS)

ANSWER-C

Components of Monetary Policy : In the execution of Monetary Policy, the Central Bank functions within a specified Monetary Policy Framework which has 3 components as under -



Monetary Policy Objectives	Analytics of Monetary Policy			netary Po	Operating Procedures	
This provides explicit Guidance	This	seeks	to	define	the	This focuses on the Operating
to the Policy Makers.	Trans	mission	Me	chanisms	for	Targets and Instruments.
	implementation.					

(2 MARKS)

ANSWER-A

Point	Description		
Meaning	1.Government Borrowings from Public (and its repayment) are covered in this		
	concept.		
	2. Public Debt may be – (a) Internal – i.e. borrowing from its own people in the		
	country, or (b) External – i.e. borrowing from outside sources.		
	3. Public Debt may be by way of –		
	(a) Market Loans – issue of Treasury Bills (T – Bills) and Government Securities (G –		
	Secs) which are actively traded in Debt Markets, [Note: capital Bonds = Long –		
	Term, and T – Bills = Short – Term]		
	(b) Small Savings – non – negotiable and non – transferable Public Borrowings		
	under various schemes – e.g. Public Provident Fund, National Savings		
	Certificates, Kisan Vikas Patra, Sukanya Samriddhi, etc.		
Action	1. Government reduces its Borrowings (e.g. Closure of certain schemes, non –		
during	acceptance of fresh deposits), and also repays existing Public Debt.		
Recession	2. Such action increases the availability of money in the economy and increases		
	Aggregate Demand.		
Action	1. Government increases its Borrowings (e.g. offering new schemes, acceptance of		
during	fresh deposits etc.), and also at attractive rates of interest.		
Inflation	2. Such action wipes out the excess purchasing power in the economy, reducing		
	demand – pull inflation.		

(5 MARKS)

ANSWER-B

- (i) Dumping by Country B and Country C. B because it sells at a lower price than that in domestic market; Country C because it is selling at a price which is less than the average cost of production.
- (ii) Adverse effects on domestic industry as they will lose competitiveness in their markets due to unfair practice of dumping. Country D may prove damage to domestic industries and charge anti-dumping duties on goods imported from Country B and Country C so as to raise the price and make it at par which similar goods produced by domestic firms.

(3 MARKS)

ANSWER - C

- 1. Meaning: Disposable Income is the <u>Income which is left with the Individuals after paying</u>

 <u>Taxes to the Government.</u>
- 2. Computation: Disposable Income can be computed in any one of the following way
 - (a) Disposable Income = Personal Income (-) Personal Income Taxes.

(2 MARKS)

ANSWER-A

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(i)Level of Disposable income Yd is given by
    Yd = Y-Tax + Transfer Payments, Where, Transfer Payment = 110
    = Y - 0.2 Y + 110 = 0.8Y + 110, and C = 50 + 0.75 Yd
    = 50+0.75(0.8Y +110)(where Yd = 0.8Y +110)
    =50+(0.75\times0.8Y)+(0.75\times110)=132.50+0.6Y C = 132.50+0.6 Y
    Now Y = C+I+G, Where C = 132.50+0.6Y, I = 100, G = 200(Given)
    Y= (132.50+0.6Y)+100+200
    = 432.50 + 0.6Y
    Y-0.6Y=0.4Y=432.50
    or Y = 432.50/0.4 = Rs. 1,081.25 Crores
    Expenditure Multiplier = 1/1-b = 1/1-0.6 = 2.5 (Multiplier in closed economy = 1/1-b
(ii) If autonomous taxes worth of Rs. 25 Crores added, this will reduce disposable income by Rs. 25
    crores
    Level of Disposable income Yd is given by Yd = Y - Tax + Transfer payments
    Thus Y_d = Y - 0.2Y + (110 - 25) = 0.8Y + 85 (Income Tax Given = 0.2Y, Transfer Payments = 110)
    C = 50 + 0.75(0.8Y + 85) (Given C = 50 + 0.75 Yd)
    C = 50 + (0.75 \times 0.8Y) + (0.75 \times 85)
    = 50+0.6Y+63.75 = 113.75+0.6Y Y = C+I+G
    = (113.75+0.6Y) +100+200= 413.75+0.6Y (C= 113.75+0.6Y, I= 100, G= 200) Y-0.6Y = 413.75
    0.4Y = 413.75
(iii) Y = C+I + G+ (X-M), Where Consumption, (C) = 132.50+0.6 Y, Investment(I)
    = 100, Government Expenditure (G) = 200 Since X = 25, M = 5+0.25 Y
    Y = (132.50+0.6Y) +100+200+ \{25-(5+0.25Y)\} (Given X = 25 crores and M
    = 5+0.25Y)
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Y = (132.50+0.6Y) +100+200+ (25-5-0.25Y)

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= (1-0.6+0.25) Y = 452.50
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Y= 452.50/ 0.65 = Rs.696 .15 Crores

Imports = $5+0.25Y = 5+ (0.25 \times 696.15) = Rs.179.04$ Crores

Balance of trade = Exports – Imports

Balance of Trade = 25- M = 25-179.04= -Rs.154.04 crores

Thus, there is adverse balance in Trade of Rs. 154.04 crores

(5 MARKS)

ANSWER-B

Changes in SLR chiefly <u>influence the availability of resources in the banking system for lending</u>. A rise in SLR -during periods of high liquidity - to lock up a rising fraction of a bank's assets in the form of eligible instruments — reduces the credit creation capacity of banks. A reduction in SLR during periods of economic downturn has the opposite effect.

(2 MARKS)

ANSWER-C

The principles governing application of SPS measures are:

- The sanitary and phytosanitary measures are to be **based on scientific principles and should not be inconsistent with the provisions of the SPS agreement**.
- Measures should not arbitrarily or unjustifiably discriminate between/among members where identical or similar conditions exist.
- Measures should <u>not be applied in a way which would constitute a disguised restriction</u> to international trade.

(3*1 = 3 MARKS)

ANSWER-10

ANSWER-A

Point	Description		
Meaning	1. When spending by Government in an economy replaces Private Spending,		
	the latter is said to be crowded out. [Note: Government Spending has to		
	"support" and "enhance" private spending, not merely "replace" it.		
	2. "Crowing Out" Effect is the negative effect that a Fiscal Policy may		
	generate, when money from the Private sector is "crowded out" to the		
	Public Sector.		
Example	If government provides Free Computers to Students, the demand from		
	students for Computers may not be forthcoming.		

(2 MARKS)

Arbitrage Concept in Forex Market

- 1. Arbitrage refers to the <u>practice of making risk less profits by</u> <u>intelligently exploiting price differences of an Asset at different dealing locations.</u>
- 2. When price differences occur in different markets, Market Participants will purchase the Asset in a low priced market, for re sale in a high priced market and make profit in this process.
- 3. Due to the operation of price Mechanism, the <u>price is driven up in the</u> low priced market and pushed down in the high priced market.
- 4. This activity will continue until the prices in the two markets are equalized, or until they differ only by the amount of transaction Costs involved in the operation.
- 5. There is potential for arbitrage in the Forex Market if exchange rates are not consistent between currencies. However, since **Forex Markets** are **highly integrated and efficient**, any Profit Spread on a given currency is quickly arbitraged away.

(5*1 = 5 MARKS)

ANSWER-C

Adverse selection is a situation in which asymmetric information about quality eliminates high-quality goods from a market. It a form of market failure which occurs when buyers have better information than sellers due to hidden information, and this can distort the usual market process. For example, in the insurance market adverse selection is the tendency for people with higher risk to obtain insurance coverage to a greater extent than persons with lesser risk because compared to insurance buyers, insurers know less about the health conditions of buyers and are therefore unable to differentiate between high-risk and low-risk persons. If the insurance company charges an average price, and only high — risk consumers buy insurance it will make losses. It is therefore possible that there will be higher overall premium as firms insure themselves against high-risk customers buying insurance. Then the low-risk customers may not want to buy insurance because it is quite expensive. Economic agents end up either selecting a sub-standard product or leaving the market altogether leading to a condition of 'missing market'. If the sellers wish to do business profitably, they may have to incur considerable costs in terms of time and money for identifying the extent of risk for different buyers.

(3 MARKS)

ANSWER-A

Aggregate demand is the total quantity of finished goods and services that all sectors (consumers, firms, government and the rest of the world) together wish to buy under different conditions. The components of aggregate demand are consumption demand, investment demand, government spending and net exports at each level of income. While consumption demand is a function of the level of disposable income, the demand for investment, government spending and net exports are autonomous, i.e. these are determined outside the model and are specifically assumed to be independent of income.

The Keynesian aggregate demand schedule is obtained by vertically adding the demand for consumption, investment demand, government spending and net exports at each level of income.

AD= C+ I+ G+ NX

(3 MARKS)

ANSWER-B

Quasi-public goods or services, also called a near public good (for e.g. education, health services) possess nearly all the qualities of private goods and some of the benefits of public good. These goods are, in some measure excludable for example, it is possible to exclude non paying consumers from the use of a highway by incurring the cost of building and maintaining a toll booth. Similarly beaches, parks and wifi networks become partially rival and partially diminishable at times of peak demand. These are rejectable to some extent. It is possible to keep people away from them by charging a price or fee. However, it is undesirable to keep people away from such goods because the society would be better off if more people consume them. This particular characteristic namely, the combination of virtually infinite benefits and the ability to charge a price results in some quasi-public goods being sold through markets and others being provided by government. As such, people argue that these should not be left to the market alone. Markets for the quasi-public goods are considered to be incomplete markets and their lack of provision by free markets would be considered as inefficiency and market failure.

(2 MARKS)

ANSWER - C

	Market Stabilisation Scheme (MSS)	Open Market Operations (OMO)
Objective	It was introduced following MoU between	The Objective of this operation is to adjust
	RBI and the Government of India with the	the Rupee Liquidity Conditions in the
	primary aim of aiding the Sterilization	
	Operations of RBI.	
Process	Sterilization is the process by which the	It is a Market Operation conducted by RBI
	Monetary Authority (RBI) sterilizes the	by way of sale/ purchase of Government
	effects of significant foreign Capital	Securities to /from the Market.
	Inflows on Domestic Liquidity, by off –	
	loading a portion of the Stock of	

	Government Securities held by it.	
Impact	Government borrows from RBI (additional	During excess liquidity conditions, RBI sells
	to its Normal Borrowing) and issues	Securities thereby sucking out the
	Treasury Bills / Dated Securities for	Liquidity. During tight Liquidity Conditions,
	absorbing the excess liquidity from the	it buys Securities thereby releasing
	Market arising from Large Capital Inflows.	Liquidity.

(3*1 = 3 MARKS)

ANSWER – D
Depreciation vs Devaluation :

	Depreciation	Devaluation
(a) Meaning	Depreciation is a <u>decrease</u> in a	Devaluation is a deliberate downward
	<u>Currency's Value</u> (relative to another	adjustment in the value of a Country's
	currency) due to market forces in a	currency relative to another currency,
	Floating Exchange Rate Regime.	group of currencies or standard.
(b) Cause	Depreciation is caused due to increase in	Devaluation is caused by the action of
	Demand, with Supply remaining	the Government /Central Bank /
	constant.	Monetary Authority policy actions.
(c) Regime	Applicable for a Floating Exchange Rate	Applicable for a relatively Fixed
	Regime.	Exchange Rate Regime.
(d) Scope	It is due to the interaction of market	It is a monetary policy tool to make an
	forces.	official reduction in the par value of a
		currency.

Note : The terms "Appreciation" and "Revaluation" are used to denote the opposite of the above two terms "Depreciation" and "Devaluation" respectively.

(4*0.5 = 2 MARKS)