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**\*\*BEGINNING OF EXAMINATION\*\*** MORNING SESSION 1.

(5 points) Your company is evaluating active and quasi-passive investment strategies for bond portfolio management. (a) Define each quasi-passive indexation approach. (b) Describe the advantages and disadvantages of each quasi-passive indexation approach. (c) Explain the reasons your company would consider an active investment strategy. (d) Describe the sector and security strategies that an active investment manager would use to select individual bonds.

2. (7 points) Your company is offering a 15-year term-certain immediate annuity with payments linked to the CPI. Policyholders can withdraw funds on demand at market values. The universe of available investments consists of the following: #8226. Real return public bonds #8226. Real estate (a) Outline the advantages and disadvantages of each investment for backing this annuity. (b) Recommend an investment strategy using the investments available. (c) Describe the major components of an accumulated cash flow scenario-based model. (d) Outline the major components of the investment policy statement for this product.

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given the following information: Bond Term Effective Duration  
 Effective Convexity A 5 3.1 -41.7 B 5 4.5 23.4 C 5 4.2 21.3 D 5 2.7  
 64.5 The option and price characteristics of Bonds A, B, C and D are  
 as follows: #8226. one bond is option-free with a current price below  
 par #8226. one bond is putable, priced at par (a) Determine the  
 option and price characteristics corresponding to each of Bonds A,  
 B, C and D. Explain your answer. (b) Assess the limitations of  
 duration as an interest rate risk measure. (c) Define convexity.  
 Compare effective convexity and modified convexity. (d) Calculate  
 the approximate percentage price change for Bonds A and B  
 assuming a decrease in yield of 0.50%. Show all work. Course 6:  
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 points) You are given the following with respect to treasury securities  
 as of today, May 13, 2005: Security Years to Maturity Annual  
 Coupon Rate Paid Semi-annually Yield-to-maturity A 0.5 0% 3.0%  
 B 1.0 0% 3.2% C 1.5 6% 3.5% D 2.0 5% 3.6% (a) Calculate the spot  
 rate for each maturity date. (b) Explain how arbitrage profits could  
 be made from coupon stripping. (c) Calculate the one-year forward  
 rate, one year from today. (d) With respect to the pure expectations  
 theory (i) Describe the theory (ii) Describe the interpretations of the  
 theory that have been put forth by economists (iii) Explain the  
 shortcomings of the theory (e) With respect to other theories of term  
 structure of interest rates: (i) Briefly describe each theory (ii) Using  
 each theory, compare the one-year spot on May 13, 2006, with the  
 one-year forward rate calculated in (c) Show all work. Course 6:  
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