NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FACULTY OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BACHELOR OF COMMERCE HONOURS DEGREE IN FINANCE PART IV – SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION – AUGUST 2010 INTERNATIONAL FINANCE II [CFI 4202]

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

Answer all questions

Question 1.

- a. What is the internal financial transfer system of the multinational firm? [5 marks]
- b. What are its distinguishing characteristics? [5 marks]
- c. What are the different modes of internal fund transfers available to the MNC? [10 marks]

Question 2.

What are the principal advantages of investing in foreign affiliates in the form of debt instead of equity? [20 marks]

Question 3.

Describe five different means that MNCs use to manipulate reported profitability among their various units. [20 marks]

Question 4.

The corporate tax rate in Japan is 60%, whereas it is 34% in the United States. Are these figures consistent with the argument that big Japanese companies are overcharging their U.S. subsidiaries in order to avoid taxes? Explain. [20 marks]

Question 5.

Differentiate foreign direct investment from foreign portfolio investment and evaluate the strength of each from the host country's perspective [20 marks]