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BACHELOR OF COMMERCE HONOURS DEGREE IN FINANCE
PART IV – 2ND SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION – MAY 2005
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT [CFI 4203]
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE

In constructing an Investment Policy Statement for an institutional investor, what are some of the objectives and constraints that you would consider? **[20 Marks]**

QUESTION TWO **[5 Marks]**

a. Compute a Value-Weighted Indicator Series for the following stocks.

STOCK	SHARE PRICE		NUMBER OF SHARES	
	T	T+1	T	T+1
A	\$10	\$12	1 000 000	1 000 000
B	\$15	\$10	6 000 000	12 000 000
C	\$20	\$20	5 000 000	5 500 000

QUESTION THREE **[15 Marks]**

The following data relates to the performance of your portfolio relative to the market over the last 5 years.

a. **Calculate:**

- i. The Sharpe Measure.
- ii. Treynor Measure
- iii. Jensen Measure
- iv. M^2 Measure
- v. T^2 Measure

b. How did your portfolio perform relative to the market?

	<u>Portfolio P</u>	<u>Market M</u>
Average Return	35%	28%
Beta	1.2	1.0
Standard Deviation	42%	30%
T-Bill Rate =	6%	

Illustrate the M^2 and T^2 measures using graphs [not drawn to scale]

QUESTION FOUR [20 Marks]

- a. If mutual fund cash positions were to increase on aggregate, would technicians consider this cash position to be bullish or bearish?. Give two reasons why they would feel this way.
- b. What is the “bearish sentiment index”?. If the index were to increase to 61%, would this be a bearish or bullish signal? What would the contrarians say?
- c. Why is an increase in **debt** balances in Brokerage Accounts considered bullish?
- d. Study the following data in respect of shares traded on the NYSE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Advances</u>	<u>Declines</u>
1	802	748
2	917	640
3	703	772
4	512	1 122
5	633	1 004

What trading signal can you get from this data?

QUESTION FIVE [25 Marks]

- a. Distinguish between an active portfolio management strategy and a passive portfolio management strategy. [10 marks]
- b. The following results pertain to a portfolio that you have been managing relative to the client’s benchmark:

ASSET CLASS	INVESTMENT WEIGHTS		RETURNS	
	ACTUAL	BENCHMARK	ACTUAL	BENCHMARK
STOCK	0.50	0.60	9.70%	8.60%
BONDS	0.38	0.30	9.10%	9.20%
MONEY MARKET	0.12	0.10	5.60%	5.40%

Carry out an attribution analysis showing how you added value to the client’s benchmark portfolio. [15 marks]

QUESTION SIX [15 Marks]

An insurance company must make a payment of \$19 487 in 7 years. The market interest rate is 10%. The company’s portfolio manager wishes to fund the obligation using three-year zero-coupon bonds and perpetuities paying annual coupons of 10% p.a. respectively.

How can the manager immunize the obligation?