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QUESTION NO: 1

The Bankers Trust Case Study is about:

- A. overexposure to the real estate market
- B. large losses at the proprietary trading desk
- C. reliance on thinly traded derivatives to hedge
- D. failure to guard its clients' best interests

ANSWER: D

QUESTION NO: 2

Select the one correct statement relative to Barings Bank.

- A. Proprietary and agency trading were combined and therefore did not increase risk.
- B. Proprietary and agency trading were separate and therefore did not increase risk.
- C. Proprietary and agency trading were combined and therefore did increase risk.
- D. Proprietary and agency trading were separate and did increase risk.

ANSWER: C

QUESTION NO: 3

National Australia Bank and Barings cases are similar in that:

- A. Losses kept increasing while rogue trader(s) hid their positions
- B. The back offices had inadequate procedures
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

QUESTION NO: 4

Which of the following was NOT a factor in the WorldCom collapse?

- A. Failed corporate governance
- B. Accounting abuses
- C. Unfair pricing to customers
- D. Over stating actual sales

ANSWER: C

QUESTION NO: 5

Unlike the case at Barings Bank, National Australia Bank:

- A. Had a risk management infrastructure that was credited with doing its' job well, despite the losses
- B. Was not dealing in derivatives
- C. Had a Board of Directors that was unaware of the true nature of trading activities
- D. Had a separation of duties between trading and back office

ANSWER: D

QUESTION NO: 6

The financial intermediary services provided by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were designed to

- A. Offer loans directly to the consumer
- B. Compete directly with banks in selling mortgaged to would-be home owners
- C. Repackage mortgage loans made by banks and sell them on to investors as asset backed securities
- D. Buy mortgage-backed loans for banks and keep them all on their books, using them as collateral for the US government to borrow

ANSWER: C

QUESTION NO: 7

John Smith wants to run for election to the Board of Directors of PRMIA. To be nominated, he needs:

- A. The backing of three other members
- B. To go through a screening process conducted by the Nominations Committee
- C. The backing of 6% of local members
- D. The backing of five other members and to be serving on at least one PRMIA Committee

ANSWER: A

QUESTION NO: 8

According to the Group of 30 Report, important risks associated with dynamic hedging are:

- A. Greater volatility than expected over the life of an option
- B. Sudden gaps in market prices
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B

ANSWER: C

QUESTION NO: 9

The Financial Accounting and Reporting Infrastructure of any organization must:

- I. Accurately represent the corporation's current and known financial condition in a timely manner
 - II. Only use off-balance sheet transactions which have a legitimate economic, tax, risktransfer or risk mitigating purpose
 - III. Provide a detailed description of the Risk Management Infrastructure in the organization's Annual Report to Shareholders
 - IV. Provide an auditable Annual Statement of Compliance with the Board's publicly stated Standards of Corporate Governance to the Board and Audit Committee
- A. I, II and III only
 - B. I, III and IV only
 - C. I and III only

D. All of these are expected of the Financial Accounting and Reporting Infrastructure

E. Accurately represent the corporation's current and known financial condition in a timely manner

II. Only use off-balance sheet transactions which have a legitimate economic, tax, risktransfer or risk mitigating purpose

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ANSWER: D

QUESTION NO: 10

The hedging strategy employed by MG Refining & Marketing has been called:

A. Dynamic hedging

B. A stacked hedge

C. A differential hedge

D. Nothing because MG Refining & Marketing did not hedge its position

ANSWER: B