

- (c) Find the payoff from a bull spread created using call options. Also draw the profit diagram corresponding to this trading strategy.

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Instructions for Candidates

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2. Attempt any **two** parts from each question.
3. **All** questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.
4. Use of Scientific calculator, Basic calculator and Normal distribution tables all are allowed.

1. (a) Define Convexity of a bond and find the relation between the Convexity, Duration and Bond price. How does convexity measure sensitivity of the portfolio?
- (b) Consider the three bonds having payments as shown in the table below. They are traded to procure a 12% yield with continuous compounding.

End of year payments	Bond A	Bond B	Bond C
Year 1	1000	500	0
Year 2	1000	500	0
Year 3	1000+10000	500+10000	0+10000

Determine the price and duration of each bond.

- (c) Explain Forward Rates. Derive the following relation :

$$R_F = R_2 + (R_2 - R_1) \frac{T_1}{T_2 - T_1}$$

where R_F is the forward interest rate for the period between T_1 and T_2 . R_1 and R_2 are the zero rates for maturities T_1 and T_2 respectively. What happens when $R_2 > R_1$?

6. (a) Discuss the delta of a European call option and calculate the delta of an at-the-money 6-month European call option on a non-dividend-paying stock when the risk-free interest rate is 8% per annum and the stock price volatility is 30% per annum.
- (b) Companies A and B have been offered the following rates per annum on a ₹10 million loan for 5 years :

	Fixed rate	Floating rate
Company A	12.0%	LIBOR+ 0.1%
Company B	14.5%	LIBOR + 0.9%

Company A requires a floating-rate loan; Company B requires a fixed-rate loan. Design a swap that will net a bank, acting as intermediary, 0.1% per annum and that will appear equally attractive to both companies.

5. (a) Given that in a risk-neutral world,

$$\ln S_T \sim \phi \left[\ln S_0 + \left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) T, \sigma^2 T \right],$$

where S_T is the stock price at a future time T , S_0 is the current stock price, r is the risk-free rate, σ is the volatility and $\phi(m, v)$ denotes a normal distribution with mean m and variance v . For the given strike price K , find $P(S_T > K)$, the probability that a European call option be exercised in a risk-neutral world.

(b) Show that the Black—Scholes-Merton formulas for call and put options satisfy the put-call parity.

(c) What is the price of a European call option on a non-dividend-paying stock when the stock price is ₹52, the strike price is ₹50, the risk-free interest rate is 12% per annum, the volatility is 30% per annum, and the time to maturity is three months?

(You can use values: $\ln(26/25) = 0.0392$, $\exp(-0.03) = 0.9704$)

2. (a) (i) An investor sells a European call option with strike price of K and maturity T and buys a put with the same strike price and maturity. Describe the investor's position.

(ii) An investor sells a European call on a share for ₹6, the stock price is ₹45 and the strike price is ₹52. Under what circumstances will the seller of the option make a profit? Under what circumstances will the option be exercised?

(b) Write a short note on European put options. Explain the payoffs in different types of put option positions with the help of diagrams.

(c) Explain Hedging. A United States company expects to pay 1 million Euros in 3 months. Explain how the exchange rate risk can be hedged using

(i) A Forward Contract

(ii) An Option.

3. (a) Name the six factors that affect stock option prices. Explain any three of them.
- (b) Derive the put-call parity for European options on a non-dividend-paying stock. Use put-call parity to derive the relationship between the gamma of a European call and the gamma of a European put on a non-dividend-paying stock.
- (c) Find lower bound and upper bound for the price of a 1-month European put option on a non-dividend-paying stock when the stock price is ₹30, the strike price is ₹34, and the risk-free interest rate is 6% per annum? Justify your answer with no arbitrage arguments, ($e^{-0.005} = 0.9950$).
4. (a) A stock price is currently ₹40. It is known that at the end of one month it will be either ₹42 or ₹38. The risk-free interest rate is 6% per annum with continuous compounding. Consider a portfolio consisting of one short call and A shares of the stock. What is the value of A which makes the

- portfolio riskless? Using no-arbitrage arguments, find the price of a one-month European call option with a strike price of ₹39? (You can use exponential value: $e^{0.005} = 1.005$).
- (b) A stock price is currently ₹50. Over each of the next two three-month periods it is expected to go up by 6% or down by 5%. The risk-free interest rate is 5% per annum with continuous compounding. What is the value of a six-month European call option with a strike price of ₹51? (You can use exponential value: $e^{-0.0125} = 0.9876$).
- (c) Consider a two-period binomial model with current stock price $S_0 = ₹100$, the up factor $u = 1.2$, the down factor $d = 0.8$, $T = 1$ year and each period being of length six months. The risk-free interest rate is 5% per annum with continuous compounding. Construct the two-period binomial tree for the stock. Find the price of an American put option with strike $K = ₹104$ and maturity $T = 1$ year. ($e^{-0.025} = 0.9753$)