# COMPREHENSIVE BANKING EXAM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO BANKING KNOWLEDGE"

#### **BANKING EXAM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- 1. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)?
  - (A) ISSUING CURRENCY NOTES
  - (B) PROVIDING LOANS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
  - (C) MANAGING GOVERNMENT DEBT
  - (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

ANSWER: (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

- 2. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A FUNCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BANK?
  - (A) ISSUING CURRENCY
  - (B) ACCEPTING DEPOSITS AND GRANTING LOANS
  - (C) FORMULATING MONETARY POLICY
  - (D) MANAGING GOVERNMENT RESERVES

**ANSWER:** (B) ACCEPTING DEPOSITS AND GRANTING LOANS

- 3. THE TERM 'LIQUIDITY' IN BANKING REFERS TO:
  - (A) THE ABILITY TO EASILY CONVERT ASSETS INTO CASH
  - (B) THE TOTAL CASH RESERVE A BANK HOLDS
  - (C) THE SPEED AT WHICH A LOAN CAN BE GRANTED
  - (D) THE NUMBER OF BRANCHES A BANK OPERATES

ANSWER: (A) THE ABILITY TO EASILY CONVERT ASSETS INTO CASH

- 4. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A TYPE OF COMMERCIAL BANK?
  - (A) PRIVATE SECTOR BANK
  - (B) PUBLIC SECTOR BANK
  - (C) CENTRAL BANK
  - (D) FOREIGN BANK

ANSWER: (C) CENTRAL BANK

- 5. WHAT DOES THE ACRONYM 'NEFT' STAND FOR IN BANKING?
  - (A) NATIONAL ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER
  - (B) NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND TRANSFER
  - (C) NEW EFFICIENT FINANCIAL TRANSFER
  - (D) NATIONAL ELECTRONIC FINANCE TRACKER

**ANSWER:** (A) NATIONAL ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

- 6. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IS REQUIRED TO OPEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN INDIA?
  - (A) AADHAR CARD
  - (B) PAN CARD
  - (C) PASSPORT-SIZED PHOTOGRAPH
  - (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

**ANSWER:** (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

- 7. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF THE TERM 'IMPS' IN BANKING?
  - (A) IMMEDIATE PAYMENT SERVICE

- (B) INTERNATIONAL MONEY PAYMENT SERVICE
- (C) INSTANT MONEY PAYMENT SYSTEM
- (D) INSTANT MOBILE PAYMENT SERVICE

**ANSWER:** (A) IMMEDIATE PAYMENT SERVICE

- 8. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A NON-BANKING FINANCIAL COMPANY (NBFC)?
  - (A) STATE BANK OF INDIA
  - (B) LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.
  - (C) RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
  - (D) ICICI BANK

**ANSWER:** (B) LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

- 9. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE 'MONEY MULTIPLIER' IN BANKING?
  - (A) IT MEASURES THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS CREATE MONEY
  - (B) IT MEASURES THE RATE AT WHICH A COUNTRY'S CURRENCY APPRECIATES
  - (C) IT DETERMINES INTEREST RATES ON LOANS
  - (D) IT REGULATES CURRENCY CIRCULATION

ANSWER: (A) IT MEASURES THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS CREATE MONEY

- 10. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TOOL USED BY THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA TO CONTROL INFLATION?
  - (A) OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

- (B) CREDIT CONTROL
- (C) REPORATE
- (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

**ANSWER: (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE** 

- 11. WHAT DOES 'KYC' STAND FOR IN BANKING?
  - (A) KNOW YOUR CLIENT
  - (B) KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER
  - (C) KEEP YOUR CLIENT
  - (D) KEEP YOUR CUSTOMER

**ANSWER: (B) KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER** 

# 12. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE CORRECT ORDER FOR THE STEPS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF CHEQUE CLEARING?

- (A) PRESENTATION, PROCESSING, SETTLEMENT
- (B) PROCESSING, PRESENTATION, SETTLEMENT
- (C) SETTLEMENT, PRESENTATION, PROCESSING
- (D) PRESENTATION, SETTLEMENT, PROCESSING

**ANSWER:** (A) PRESENTATION, PROCESSING, SETTLEMENT

### 13. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE BASEL III FRAMEWORK?

- (A) TO REGULATE THE EXCHANGE RATE OF CURRENCY
- (B) TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL TRADE
- (C) TO STRENGTHEN THE GLOBAL BANKING SYSTEM

(D) TO MONITOR INTEREST RATES ACROSS BANKS

**ANSWER:** (C) TO STRENGTHEN THE GLOBAL BANKING SYSTEM

### 14. THE 'REPO RATE' IS THE RATE AT WHICH:

- A) THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- B) BANKS LEND TO EACH OTHER
- C) BANKS CHARGE INTEREST ON LOANS
- D) GOVERNMENT BORROWS MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC

ANSWER: (A) THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS

### 15. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF 'RTGS'?

- (A) REAL TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT
- (B) REGIONAL TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT
- (C) REAL TIME GLOBAL SETTLEMENT
- (D) REAL TRANSACTION GROSS SETTLEMENT

**ANSWER:** (A) REAL TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT

# 16. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO THE LENDING OF MONEY FOR A FIXED PERIOD AT A SPECIFIED RATE OF INTEREST?

- (A) OVERDRAFT
- (B) LOAN
- (C) DEPOSIT
- (D) LINE OF CREDIT

**ANSWER: (B) LOAN** 

## 17. WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR ATM CASH WITHDRAWALS IN INDIA PER DAY?

- (A) ₹10,000
- (B) ₹20,000
- (C) ₹50,000
- (D) ₹1,00,000

**ANSWER:** (B) ₹20,000

## 18. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A CAPITAL MARKET INSTRUMENT?

- (A) SAVINGS ACCOUNT
- (B) GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (C) CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
- (D) SHORT-TERM LOAN

**ANSWER: (**B) GOVERNMENT BONDS

## 19. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IS TRUE REGARDING 'CREDIT RATING'?

- (A) IT IS ASSIGNED ONLY TO GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
- (B) IT MEASURES A BORROWER'S CREDITWORTHINESS
- (C) IT IS THE SAME FOR ALL COUNTRIES
- (D) IT IS NOT USED BY BANKS FOR LENDING DECISIONS

ANSWER: (B) IT MEASURES A BORROWER'S CREDITWORTHINESS

### 20. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A FEATURE OF 'MOBILE BANKING'?

- (A) ACCESS TO REAL-TIME ACCOUNT BALANCE
- (B) FUND TRANSFER BETWEEN BANKS
- (C) BILL PAYMENT FACILITIES
- (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

ANSWER: (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

#### 21. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF 'DEMAND DEPOSIT'?

- (A) FIXED DEPOSIT
- (B) SAVINGS ACCOUNT
- (C) CURRENT ACCOUNT
- (D) RECURRING DEPOSIT

**ANSWER: (C) CURRENT ACCOUNT** 

### 22. WHAT IS 'MONETARY POLICY'?

- (A) POLICIES IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL MANAGEMENT
- (B) POLICIES SET BY THE CENTRAL BANK TO REGULATE MONEY SUPPLY AND CONTROL INFLATION
- (C) POLICIES FOR CONTROLLING FOREIGN INVESTMENTS
- (D) POLICIES FOR REGULATING TRADE TARIFFS

**ANSWER:** (B) POLICIES SET BY THE CENTRAL BANK TO REGULATE MONEY SUPPLY AND CONTROL INFLATION

# 23. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT FOR A SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN MOST INDIAN BANKS?

- (A) ₹500
- (B) ₹1,000
- (C) ₹10,000
- (D) ₹50,000

**ANSWER: (**B) ₹1,000

### 24. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF TERM DEPOSIT?

- (A) SAVINGS DEPOSIT
- (B) FIXED DEPOSIT
- (C) RECURRING DEPOSIT
- (D) BOTH B AND C

ANSWER: (D) BOTH B AND C

# 25. THE NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NABARD) WAS ESTABLISHED IN:

- (A) 1982
- (B) 1985
- (C) 1990
- (D) 1995

**ANSWER:** (A) 1982

### 26. WHAT IS 'DEBIT CARD'?

- (A) A CARD USED FOR WITHDRAWING MONEY FROM ATMS
- (B) A CARD LINKED TO A BANK ACCOUNT USED TO MAKE PAYMENTS DIRECTLY FROM THE ACCOUNT
- (C) A CARD ISSUED TO CUSTOMERS WITH CREDIT LIMITS
- (D) A PREPAID CARD FOR SPECIFIC USES

**ANSWER:** (B) A CARD LINKED TO A BANK ACCOUNT USED TO MAKE PAYMENTS DIRECTLY FROM THE ACCOUNT

# 27. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A FUNCTION OF THE 'DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (DICGC)'?

- (A) INSURING BANK DEPOSITS
- (B) ENSURING THE SAFETY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS
- (C) PROVIDING LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESSES
- (D) ISSUING CURRENCY NOTES

**ANSWER:** (A) INSURING BANK DEPOSITS

# 28. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A MAJOR ROLE OF THE COMMERCIAL BANKS?

- (A) MANAGING GOVERNMENT RESERVES
- (B) FACILITATING INTERNATIONAL TRADE
- (C) ACCEPTING DEPOSITS AND GRANTING LOANS
- (D) CREATING MONETARY POLICY

**ANSWER: (C) ACCEPTING DEPOSITS AND GRANTING LOANS** 

29. IN BANKING, WHAT IS THE 'SPREAD' REFERRING TO?

- (A) DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BANK'S LENDING RATE AND BORROWING RATE
- (B) DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL INTEREST RATE AND INFLATION RATE
- (C) THE AREA IN WHICH A BANK OPERATES
- (D) THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS OFFER CREDIT

**ANSWER:** (A) DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BANK'S LENDING RATE AND BORROWING RATE

- 30. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS BORROW FROM THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA?
  - (A) BANK RATE
  - (B) REPO RATE
  - (C) CASH RESERVE RATIO
  - (D) STATUTORY LIQUIDITY RATIO

**ANSWER: (B) REPO RATE** 

- 31. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN UNSECURED LOAN?
  - (A) PERSONAL LOAN
  - (B) HOME LOAN
  - (C) CAR LOAN
  - (D) GOLD LOAN

**ANSWER: (A) PERSONAL LOAN** 

32. THE 'CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIO (CAR)' IS USED TO MEASURE THE:

- (A) ADEQUATE CAPITAL A BANK SHOULD MAINTAIN TO COVER RISKS
- (B) PROFITABILITY OF A BANK
- (C) EFFICIENCY OF A BANK IN MANAGING ITS ASSETS
- (D) SPEED OF BANK TRANSACTIONS

ANSWER: (A) ADEQUATE CAPITAL A BANK SHOULD MAINTAIN TO COVER RISKS

### 33. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF 'BASEL II' IN BANKING?

- (A) IT GOVERNS THE GOVERNANCE OF BANKS GLOBALLY
- (B) IT SETS GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL STANDARDS
- (C) IT ENSURES THE SAFETY OF ELECTRONIC BANKING TRANSACTIONS
- (D) IT SUPERVISES THE LOAN LIMITS OF INTERNATIONAL BANKS

**ANSWER:** (B) IT SETS GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL STANDARDS

# 34. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT AN INSTRUMENT OF MONETARY POLICY?

- (A) CASH RESERVE RATIO (CRR)
- (B) OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS (OMO)
- (C) REFINANCE RATE
- (D) FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

**ANSWER:** (D) FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

35. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF 'AADHAAR'?

- (A) A UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR INDIVIDUALS
- (B) A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED HEALTH INSURANCE CARD
- (C) A CERTIFICATE FOR OPENING BANK ACCOUNTS
- (D) A NATIONAL ELECTION CARD FOR CITIZENS

**ANSWER:** (A) A UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR INDIVIDUALS

# 36. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'NON-PERFORMING ASSET (NPA)'?

- (A) A LOAN THAT HAS NOT BEEN REPAID FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS
- (B) A LOAN THAT IS REPAID BEFORE ITS DUE DATE
- (C) A DEPOSIT THAT IS WITHDRAWN EARLY
- (D) A FIXED DEPOSIT WITH NO MATURITY DATE

ANSWER: (A) A LOAN THAT HAS NOT BEEN REPAID FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS

#### 37. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF 'SWIFT' IN INTERNATIONAL BANKING?

- (A) IT PROVIDES FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES
- (B) IT ENSURES THE SECURITY OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS
- (C) IT STANDARDIZES INTERNATIONAL BANKING CODES
- (D) IT ACTS AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN CENTRAL BANKS

**ANSWER: (C) IT STANDARDIZES INTERNATIONAL BANKING CODES** 

### 38. WHAT IS 'SECURITIES TRANSACTION TAX (STT)' IN INDIA?

- (A) TAX LEVIED ON TRANSACTIONS IN THE SECURITIES MARKET
- (B) TAX PAID ON LOANS PROVIDED BY BANKS

- (C) TAX PAID ON THE INTEREST EARNED FROM FIXED DEPOSITS
- (D) TAX PAID ON PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS

ANSWER: (A) TAX LEVIED ON TRANSACTIONS IN THE SECURITIES MARKET

- 39. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE ABOUT 'REAL-TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT (RTGS)'?
  - (A) IT IS USED FOR TRANSFERRING MONEY IN REAL TIME
  - (B) IT IS ONLY AVAILABLE DURING BANKING HOURS
  - (C) IT ALLOWS BULK PAYMENTS FOR LARGE TRANSACTIONS
  - (D) IT IS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS ONLY

ANSWER: (A) IT IS USED FOR TRANSFERRING MONEY IN REAL TIME

- 40. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES THE 'BANK RATE'?
  - (A) THE RATE AT WHICH RBI LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS
  - (B) THE RATE AT WHICH RBI BUYS AND SELLS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
  - (C) THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS LEND TO CUSTOMERS
  - (D) THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS LEND TO OTHER BANKS FOR OVERNIGHT LOANS

**ANSWER:** (A) THE RATE AT WHICH RBI LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS

41. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A KEY OBJECTIVE OF 'FINANCIAL INCLUSION'?

- (A) ENSURING THAT BANKING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS
- (B) INCREASING THE INTEREST RATES ON LOANS
- (C) ENCOURAGING FOREIGN INVESTMENTS
- (D) ENHANCING BANKING PROFITS

**ANSWER:** (A) ENSURING THAT BANKING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS

## 42. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MAIN FEATURE OF 'CONSUMER BANKING'?

- (A) PROVIDING LOANS TO CORPORATIONS
- (B) SERVING THE PERSONAL BANKING NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS
- (C) INVESTMENT BANKING ACTIVITIES
- (D) FACILITATING FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE

ANSWER: (B) SERVING THE PERSONAL BANKING NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS

### 43. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF 'NPA' IN BANKING?

- A) NON-PAYMENT ACCOUNT
- B) NON-PERFORMING ASSET
- C) NEW PUBLIC ACCOUNT
- D) NATIONAL PAYMENT AUTHORITY

**ANSWER:** (B) NON-PERFORMING ASSET

#### 44. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A FUNCTION OF A CENTRAL BANK?

- (A) CONTROL INFLATION
- (B) ISSUE CURRENCY

- (C) SUPERVISE COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (D) GRANT LOANS TO THE PUBLIC

**ANSWER: (D) GRANT LOANS TO THE PUBLIC** 

## 45. WHICH TYPE OF LOAN IS PROVIDED BY BANKS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES?

- (A) HOME LOAN
- (B) CAR LOAN
- (C) EDUCATION LOAN
- (D) PERSONAL LOAN

ANSWER: (B) CAR LOAN

### 46. WHAT IS THE 'STATUTORY LIQUIDITY RATIO (SLR)' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE AMOUNT OF CASH A BANK MUST HOLD AS A RESERVE
- (B) THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF GOLD RESERVES THAT A BANK MUST HOLD
- (C) THE PERCENTAGE OF A BANK'S NET DEMAND AND TIME LIABILITIES TO BE MAINTAINED IN LIQUID ASSETS
- (D) THE MINIMUM CAPITAL BANKS MUST HAVE TO OPERATE

**ANSWER:** C) THE PERCENTAGE OF A BANK'S NET DEMAND AND TIME LIABILITIES TO BE MAINTAINED IN LIQUID ASSETS

# 47. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN INVESTMENT BANKING SERVICE?

(A) FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADING

- (B) ISSUING SHARES AND SECURITIES
- (C) PROVIDING SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (D) PROVIDING PERSONAL LOANS

**ANSWER:** (B) ISSUING SHARES AND SECURITIES

## 48. WHICH IS THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND A FIXED DEPOSIT?

- (A) SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OFFER HIGHER INTEREST RATES THAN FIXED DEPOSITS
- (B) FIXED DEPOSITS REQUIRE A FIXED LOCK-IN PERIOD, WHEREAS SAVINGS ACCOUNTS DO NOT
- (C) SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ARE FOR LONG-TERM INVESTMENT, WHILE FIXED DEPOSITS ARE FOR SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT
- (D) FIXED DEPOSITS ARE RISKIER THAN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (B) FIXED DEPOSITS REQUIRE A FIXED LOCK-IN PERIOD, WHEREAS SAVINGS ACCOUNTS DO NOT

#### 49. WHAT DOES THE ACRONYM 'RTGS' STAND FOR?

- (A) REAL-TIME GENERAL SETTLEMENT
- (B) REAL-TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT
- (C) REGIONAL TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT
- (D) REAL-TIME GUARANTEED SETTLEMENT

**ANSWER:** (B) REAL-TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT

#### 50. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO THE 'LOAN TO VALUE' RATIO?

- (A) THE RATIO OF A LOAN AMOUNT TO THE VALUE OF THE COLLATERAL
- (B) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S LOAN PORTFOLIO TO ITS NET WORTH
- (C) THE RATIO OF LOAN TO INCOME OF THE BORROWER
- (D) THE RATIO OF INTEREST CHARGED TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

ANSWER: (A) THE RATIO OF A LOAN AMOUNT TO THE VALUE OF THE COLLATERAL

### 51. THE 'BASEL III' GUIDELINES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH:

- (A) BANKING CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS
- (B) INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICIES
- (C) ELECTRONIC BANKING SECURITY MEASURES
- (D) PERSONAL LOAN INTEREST RATES

**ANSWER:** A) BANKING CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

# 52. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'SECURED' AND 'UNSECURED' LOANS?

- (A) SECURED LOANS REQUIRE COLLATERAL, WHILE UNSECURED LOANS DO NOT
- (B) UNSECURED LOANS OFFER LOWER INTEREST RATES THAN SECURED LOANS
- (C) SECURED LOANS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
- (D) UNSECURED LOANS REQUIRE THE BORROWER TO HAVE A PERFECT CREDIT SCORE

**ANSWER:** (A) SECURED LOANS REQUIRE COLLATERAL, WHILE UNSECURED LOANS DO NOT

### 53. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A 'CLEARING HOUSE' IN BANKING?

- (A) IT MANAGES THE SETTLEMENT OF INTERBANK TRANSACTIONS
- (B) IT REGULATES INTEREST RATES ON LOANS
- (C) IT PROVIDES INSURANCE TO BANK DEPOSITS
- (D) IT DETERMINES THE VALUE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES

ANSWER: (A) IT MANAGES THE SETTLEMENT OF INTERBANK TRANSACTIONS

# 54. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A RISK ASSOCIATED WITH BANKING OPERATIONS?

- (A) CREDIT RISK
- (B) OPERATIONAL RISK
- (C) LIQUIDITY RISK
- (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

**ANSWER:** (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

### 55. WHAT IS 'DIGITAL BANKING'?

- (A) BANKING CONDUCTED ONLINE THROUGH ELECTRONIC DEVICES
- (B) BANKING THAT USES ONLY PHYSICAL BRANCHES
- (C) BANKING THROUGH TELEPHONES ONLY
- (D) A TYPE OF BANKING THAT RESTRICTS CUSTOMERS TO PAPER-BASED TRANSACTIONS

ANSWER: (A) BANKING CONDUCTED ONLINE THROUGH ELECTRONIC DEVICES

## 56. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A MAJOR ADVANTAGE OF 'INTERNET BANKING'?

- (A) LIMITED TRANSACTION FEES
- (B) ACCESS TO BANKING SERVICES ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE
- (C) REQUIRES NO INTERNET CONNECTION
- (D) ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

ANSWER: (B) ACCESS TO BANKING SERVICES ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE

### 57. WHAT IS THE 'CASH RESERVE RATIO (CRR)' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE PROPORTION OF A BANK'S TOTAL DEPOSITS THAT IT MUST KEEP AS RESERVES WITH THE CENTRAL BANK
- (B) THE PERCENTAGE OF A BANK'S LENDING PORTFOLIO
- (C) THE INTEREST RATE AT WHICH BANKS BORROW FROM OTHER BANKS
- (D) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CAPITAL A BANK HOLDS

**ANSWER:** (A) THE PROPORTION OF A BANK'S TOTAL DEPOSITS THAT IT MUST KEEP AS RESERVES WITH THE CENTRAL BANK

# 58. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A MEASURE OF THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF A BANK?

- (A) RETURN ON ASSETS (ROA)
- (B) PROFIT MARGIN
- (C) CREDIT RATINGS

(D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

ANSWER: (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

# 59. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF 'ISLAMIC BANKING'?

- (A) BANKS CHARGE INTEREST ON LOANS
- (B) BANKS PROVIDE LOANS ONLY FOR SECULAR PURPOSES
- (C) BANKS CANNOT CHARGE INTEREST, AND THEY FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF PROFIT-SHARING
- 9D) BANKS PROVIDE LOANS BASED ON FIXED COLLATERAL VALUES

**ANSWER:** (C) BANKS CANNOT CHARGE INTEREST, AND THEY FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF PROFIT-SHARING

# 60. WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR E-COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS THROUGH 'UPI' (UNIFIED PAYMENTS INTERFACE) IN INDIA?

- (A) ₹10,000
- (B) ₹50,000
- (C) ₹1,00,000
- (D) ₹2,00,000

**ANSWER:** (B) ₹50,000

# 61. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'LIQUID ASSET' FOR A BANK?

- (A) LONG-TERM LOANS
- (B) REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

- (C) GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
- (D) EQUIPMENT

**ANSWER:** (C) GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

### 62. THE 'PRIORITY SECTOR LENDING' BY BANKS REFERS TO LENDING TO:

- (A) LARGE CORPORATE SECTORS
- (B) ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES SUCH AS DEFENSE
- (C) CERTAIN UNDER-SERVED SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, MSMES, AND EDUCATION
- (D) FOREIGN INVESTORS

**ANSWER:** (C) CERTAIN UNDER-SERVED SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, MSMES, AND EDUCATION

# 63. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF INSURANCE IS COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH BANKING?

- (A) LIFE INSURANCE
- (B) HEALTH INSURANCE
- (C) PROPERTY INSURANCE
- (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

**ANSWER:** (A) LIFE INSURANCE

## 64. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE REGARDING A 'CHEQUE' IN BANKING?

(A) A CHEQUE CAN BE TRANSFERRED BY ENDORSEMENT AND DELIVERY

- (B) A CHEQUE IS AN UNCONDITIONAL ORDER TO PAY MONEY FROM THE DRAWER'S ACCOUNT
- (C) A CHEQUE CAN ONLY BE ISSUED FOR FIXED AMOUNTS
- (D) BOTH A AND B

ANSWER: (D) BOTH A AND B

- 65. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MAIN FUNCTION OF 'MOBILE WALLETS'?
  - (A) TO PROVIDE LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS
  - (B) TO STORE MONEY AND MAKE DIGITAL PAYMENTS
  - (C) TO ENABLE LARGE FUND TRANSFERS
  - (D) TO OFFER INSURANCE SERVICES

**ANSWER: (B) TO STORE MONEY AND MAKE DIGITAL PAYMENTS** 

- 66. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF 'MUDRA' IN THE CONTEXT OF SMALL BUSINESS LOANS IN INDIA?
  - (A) MICRO UNITS DEVELOPMENT AND REFINANCE AGENCY
  - (B) MICRO UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND RISK AGENCY
  - (C) MULTIPLE UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND REFINANCE AGENCY
  - (D) MICRO-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY AGENCY

ANSWER: (A) MICRO UNITS DEVELOPMENT AND REFINANCE AGENCY

- 67. THE 'BANKING OMBUDSMAN' IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:
  - (A) MANAGING DISPUTES BETWEEN CUSTOMERS AND COMMERCIAL BANKS

- (B) MONITORING THE FUNCTIONING OF CENTRAL BANKS
- (C) REGULATING BANK MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS
- (D) PROVIDING LOANS TO FARMERS

**ANSWER:** (A) MANAGING DISPUTES BETWEEN CUSTOMERS AND COMMERCIAL BANKS

#### 68. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF 'E-BANKING' SERVICE?

- (A) PHONE BANKING
- (B) INTERNET BANKING
- (C) ATM TRANSACTIONS
- (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

**ANSWER:** (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

# 69. THE PROCESS OF VERIFYING THE IDENTITY OF A CUSTOMER BEFORE OPENING AN ACCOUNT IS KNOWN AS:

- (A) KYC (KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER)
- (B) AML (ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING)
- (C) CDD (CUSTOMER DUE DILIGENCE)
- 9D) CBI (CENTRAL BANK INVESTIGATION)

**ANSWER:** (A) KYC (KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER)

## 70. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE 'MONETARY POLICY' IN INDIA?

(A) TO REGULATE THE AVAILABILITY AND COST OF MONEY AND CREDIT IN THE ECONOMY

- (B) TO CONTROL GOVERNMENT SPENDING
- (C) TO REGULATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES
- 9D) TO CONTROL INFLATION RATES GLOBALLY

**ANSWER:** (A) TO REGULATE THE AVAILABILITY AND COST OF MONEY AND CREDIT IN THE ECONOMY

#### 71. THE 'BANK RATE' IS THE RATE AT WHICH:

- (A) BANKS CHARGE THEIR CUSTOMERS FOR LOANS
- (B) THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA LENDS MONEY TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (C) BANKS BUY GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
- (D) THE RBI BORROWS MONEY FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS

**ANSWER:** B) THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA LENDS MONEY TO COMMERCIAL BANKS

#### 72. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT PART OF THE 'CAPITAL MARKET'?

- (A) SHARES AND BONDS
- (B) GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
- (C) SAVING ACCOUNTS
- (D) MUTUAL FUNDS

**ANSWER: (C) SAVING ACCOUNTS** 

### 73. WHAT IS THE 'CDS' IN THE CONTEXT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS?

(A) CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP

- (B) CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT SYSTEM
- (C) CENTRALIZED DEPOSIT SYSTEM
- (D) CAPITAL DEPOSIT SWAP

**ANSWER: (A) CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP** 

### 74. WHAT IS THE 'CALL MONEY' IN BANKING TERMS?

- (A) MONEY LENT BY COMMERCIAL BANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT
- (B) SHORT-TERM BORROWING BETWEEN COMMERCIAL BANKS, TYPICALLY OVERNIGHT
- (C) LOANS GRANTED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR PERSONAL USE
- (D) MONEY LENT BY BANKS TO THE STOCK MARKET

**ANSWER:** (B) SHORT-TERM BORROWING BETWEEN COMMERCIAL BANKS, TYPICALLY OVERNIGHT

### 75. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF 'BANK LOAN'?

- (A) TERM LOAN
- (B) REVOLVING CREDIT
- (C) OVERDRAFT FACILITY
- (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

**ANSWER: (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE** 

### 76. THE 'REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS)' PRIMARILY DEAL WITH:

- (A) GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (B) STOCKS AND BONDS

- (C) REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS
- (D) INTERNATIONAL TRADE FINANCE

**ANSWER: (C) REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS** 

- 77. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'CREDIT FACILITY' PROVIDED BY BANKS?
  - (A) FIXED DEPOSITS
  - (B) CREDIT CARDS
  - (C) ATM SERVICES
  - (D) SAFE DEPOSIT LOCKERS

**ANSWER:** (B) CREDIT CARDS

- 78. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF 'CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY (CBDC)'?
  - (A) IT IS ISSUED BY A CENTRAL BANK IN DIGITAL FORM
  - (B) IT IS A FORM OF CRYPTOCURRENCY
  - (C) IT OPERATES WITHOUT A CENTRAL AUTHORITY
  - (D) IT IS ONLY AVAILABLE IN SPECIFIC REGIONS

ANSWER: (A) IT IS ISSUED BY A CENTRAL BANK IN DIGITAL FORM

- 79. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT AN EXAMPLE OF A 'RETAIL BANKING' SERVICE?
  - (A) SAVINGS AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS
  - (B) PERSONAL LOANS AND MORTGAGES

- (C) FOREIGN CURRENCY TRADING
- (D) CREDIT CARDS

**ANSWER: (C) FOREIGN CURRENCY TRADING** 

### 80. THE 'FISCAL DEFICIT' IN A COUNTRY IS:

- (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE AND ITS REVENUE
- (B) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF NATIONAL DEBT
- (C) THE TOTAL VALUE OF NATIONAL SAVINGS
- (D) THE AMOUNT THE GOVERNMENT BORROWS FROM INTERNATIONAL SOURCES

**ANSWER:** (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE AND ITS REVENUE

# 81. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE 'LIQUIDITY COVERAGE RATIO (LCR)' IN BANKING?

- (A) TO ENSURE THAT BANKS HAVE ENOUGH HIGH-QUALITY LIQUID ASSETS TO COVER SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS
- (B) TO REGULATE THE LOAN-TO-VALUE RATIO OF MORTGAGE LOANS
- (C) TO DETERMINE THE INTEREST RATES ON LOANS
- (D) TO MANAGE THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES

**ANSWER:** (A) TO ENSURE THAT BANKS HAVE ENOUGH HIGH-QUALITY LIQUID ASSETS TO COVER SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS

82. WHAT IS THE 'REPO RATE'?

- (A) THE RATE AT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT LENDS MONEY TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (B) THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS LEND MONEY TO CUSTOMERS
- (C) THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS BORROW MONEY FROM THE CENTRAL BANK
- (D) THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS LEND MONEY TO FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

**ANSWER:** (C) THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS BORROW MONEY FROM THE CENTRAL BANK

### 83. WHAT IS 'KYC' IN BANKING?

- (A) KNOW YOUR CREDIT
- (B) KEEP YOUR CASH
- (C) KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER
- (D) KEEP YOUR CHECKBOOK

**ANSWER: (C) KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER** 

### 84. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF 'FIXED INCOME SECURITY'?

- (A) SHARES
- (B) BONDS
- (C) REAL ESTATE
- (D) COMMODITIES

**ANSWER:** (B) BONDS

- 85. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF 'ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANIES' (AMCS)?
  - (A) TO ISSUE SHARES AND BONDS TO RAISE CAPITAL
  - (B) TO MANAGE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS
  - (C) TO PROVIDE LOANS TO BUSINESSES
  - (D) TO MANAGE CENTRAL BANK OPERATIONS

ANSWER: (B) TO MANAGE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS

- 86. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MAIN ROLE OF THE 'RESERVE BANK OF INDIA' (RBI)?
  - (A) TO ISSUE CURRENCY AND REGULATE MONETARY POLICY
  - (B) TO PROVIDE LOANS TO BUSINESSES
  - (C) TO MANAGE THE STOCK MARKET
  - (D) TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL TRADE

ANSWER: (A) TO ISSUE CURRENCY AND REGULATE MONETARY POLICY

- 87. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'SHADOW BANKING'?
  - (A) GOVERNMENT-BACKED SAVINGS BONDS
  - (B) PRIVATE LENDING INSTITUTIONS THAT OPERATE OUTSIDE TRADITIONAL BANKING REGULATION
  - (C) PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS
  - (D) BANKS OPERATING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CENTRAL BANKS

**ANSWER:** (B) PRIVATE LENDING INSTITUTIONS THAT OPERATE OUTSIDE TRADITIONAL BANKING REGULATION

## 88. WHAT IS 'FORWARD GUIDANCE' IN THE CONTEXT OF CENTRAL BANKING?

- (A) A MEASURE OF FUTURE CREDIT RATINGS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
- (B) A METHOD TO INFLUENCE FUTURE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BY COMMUNICATING THE CENTRAL BANK'S INTENDED POLICY MOVES
- (C) A TOOL FOR REGULATING INTERBANK LENDING RATES
- (D) A POLICY FOR REGULATING THE GOLD RESERVES OF A COUNTRY

**ANSWER:** (B) A METHOD TO INFLUENCE FUTURE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BY COMMUNICATING THE CENTRAL BANK'S INTENDED POLICY MOVES

#### 89. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'LONG-TERM DEBT'?

- (A) A 3-MONTH LOAN FROM A COMMERCIAL BANK
- (B) A 1-YEAR CORPORATE BOND
- (C) A 10-YEAR GOVERNMENT BOND
- (D) A 30-DAY OVERDRAFT

**ANSWER:** (C) A 10-YEAR GOVERNMENT BOND

### 90. WHAT DOES THE 'NET INTEREST MARGIN (NIM)' REPRESENT?

- (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BANK'S INTEREST INCOME AND INTEREST EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF ITS ASSETS
- (B) THE TOTAL INTEREST INCOME EARNED BY THE BANK
- (C) THE COST OF FUNDS USED BY THE BANK
- (D) THE AVERAGE INTEREST RATE OFFERED ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BANK'S INTEREST INCOME AND INTEREST EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF ITS ASSETS

## 91. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'SYSTEMICALLY IMPORTANT BANK'?

- (A) A SMALL COMMUNITY BANK SERVING ONLY LOCAL CUSTOMERS
- (B) A LARGE MULTINATIONAL BANK WHOSE FAILURE COULD TRIGGER A GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS
- (C) A GOVERNMENT-OWNED BANK THAT ONLY DEALS WITH AGRICULTURE LOANS
- (D) A PRIVATE BANK WITH NO INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

**ANSWER:** (B) A LARGE MULTINATIONAL BANK WHOSE FAILURE COULD TRIGGER A GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

### 92. WHAT IS THE 'CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS)' IN BANKING?

- (A) A SYSTEM FOR MANAGING THE PHYSICAL CASH RESERVES IN BANK BRANCHES
- (B) A SYSTEM FOR MANAGING A COMPANY'S COLLECTIONS AND PAYMENTS EFFICIENTLY
- (C) A METHOD FOR MANAGING FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS
- (D) A SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING THE INTEREST RATES ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (B) A SYSTEM FOR MANAGING A COMPANY'S COLLECTIONS AND PAYMENTS EFFICIENTLY

### 93. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO 'BANCASSURANCE'?

(A) BANKS PROVIDING LOANS TO INSURANCE COMPANIES

- (B) BANKS OFFERING INSURANCE PRODUCTS ALONGSIDE THEIR BANKING SERVICES
- (C) INSURANCE COMPANIES TAKING OVER BANKS
- (D) BANKS OFFERING ONLY HOME LOAN SERVICES

**ANSWER:** (B) BANKS OFFERING INSURANCE PRODUCTS ALONGSIDE THEIR BANKING SERVICES

### 94. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF 'IFSC' CODE USED IN BANKING?

- (A) INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES CODE
- (B) INDIAN FINANCIAL SECURITY CODE
- (C) INDIAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM CODE
- (D) INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM CODE

**ANSWER:** (C) INDIAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM CODE

### 95. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF 'FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK'?

- (A) THE RISK OF CURRENCY VALUE FLUCTUATIONS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE
- (B) THE RISK OF A CUSTOMER DEFAULTING ON A LOAN
- (C) THE RISK OF INTEREST RATE CHANGES IMPACTING DOMESTIC OPERATIONS
- (D) THE RISK OF FRAUD AND CYBERATTACKS ON BANKING SYSTEMS

**ANSWER:** (A) THE RISK OF CURRENCY VALUE FLUCTUATIONS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE

96. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A FEATURE OF A 'DEMAND DRAFT'?

- (A) IT IS A PREPAID INSTRUMENT
- (B) IT CAN BE USED TO TRANSFER MONEY ACROSS BRANCHES
- (C) IT CAN BE ISSUED WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF AN ACCOUNT
- (D) IT IS NOT A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT

ANSWER: (D) IT IS NOT A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT

#### 97. WHAT DOES 'SWIFT' STAND FOR IN BANKING?

- (A) SOCIETY FOR WORLDWIDE INTERBANK FINANCIAL TELECOMMUNICATION
- (B) SOCIETY FOR WORLDWIDE INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL TRANSFERS
- (C) SECURE WORLDWIDE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
- (D) SECURE WORLDWIDE INTERBANK FUND TRANSFER SYSTEM

**ANSWER:** (A) SOCIETY FOR WORLDWIDE INTERBANK FINANCIAL TELECOMMUNICATION

# 98. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'NON-BANKING FINANCIAL COMPANIES' (NBFCS)?

- (A) BANKS THAT ACCEPT DEPOSITS
- (B) INSURANCE COMPANIES
- (C) INVESTMENT FIRMS THAT DO NOT OFFER TRADITIONAL BANKING SERVICES
- (D) CENTRAL BANKS

**ANSWER:** (C) INVESTMENT FIRMS THAT DO NOT OFFER TRADITIONAL BANKING SERVICES

#### 99. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE ABOUT 'MICROFINANCE'?

- (A) IT INVOLVES PROVIDING SMALL LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS IN UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH
- (B) IT IS A TYPE OF INSURANCE PRODUCT OFFERED BY BANKS
- (C) IT FOCUSES ON LARGE BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS
- (D) IT IS REGULATED ONLY BY INTERNATIONAL BODIES, NOT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

**ANSWER:** (A) IT INVOLVES PROVIDING SMALL LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS IN UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH

## 100. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF 'OVERDRAFT' FACILITY IN BANKING?

- (A) A LOAN GRANTED FOR PURCHASING REAL ESTATE
- (B) AN AGREEMENT THAT ALLOWS A CUSTOMER TO WITHDRAW MORE MONEY THAN AVAILABLE IN THEIR CURRENT ACCOUNT
- (C) A SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT OPTION
- (D) A TYPE OF LOAN SECURED BY FIXED DEPOSITS

**ANSWER:** (B) AN AGREEMENT THAT ALLOWS A CUSTOMER TO WITHDRAW MORE MONEY THAN AVAILABLE IN THEIR CURRENT ACCOUNT

## 101. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A COMMON TOOL USED BY CENTRAL BANKS TO CONTROL INFLATION?

- (A) INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF CURRENCY
- (B) LOWERING THE INTEREST RATES
- (C) RAISING THE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL BANKS

(D) PROVIDING DIRECT LOANS TO CONSUMERS

**ANSWER:** (C) RAISING THE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL BANKS

### 102. WHAT DOES THE TERM 'UNDERWRITING' MEAN IN BANKING?

- (A) THE PROCESS OF INSURING A LOAN AGAINST DEFAULT
- (B) THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING THE RISK OF OFFERING A LOAN OR INSURANCE
- (C) THE PROCESS OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL ADVICE
- (D) THE PROCESS OF WITHDRAWING MONEY FROM AN ACCOUNT

**ANSWER:** (B) THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING THE RISK OF OFFERING A LOAN OR INSURANCE

# 103. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF A 'NPA' (NON-PERFORMING ASSET)?

- (A) IT REFERS TO AN ASSET WHOSE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ARE OVERDUE FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD
- (B) IT IS A PERFORMING LOAN THAT EARNS REGULAR INTEREST
- (C) IT REFERS TO A LOAN THAT HAS BEEN FULLY REPAID
- (D) IT IS THE SAME AS A DEPOSIT

**ANSWER:** (A) IT REFERS TO AN ASSET WHOSE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ARE OVERDUE FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD

## 104. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENT'?

(A) SHARES

- (B) GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (C) TREASURY BILLS
- (D) REAL ESTATE

**ANSWER: (C) TREASURY BILLS** 

### 105. IN BANKING, 'LIQUIDITY' REFERS TO:

- (A) THE ABILITY OF A BANK TO MEET ITS LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS
- (B) THE EASE WITH WHICH ASSETS CAN BE CONVERTED INTO CASH WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF VALUE
- (C) THE RATIO OF CASH RESERVES HELD BY A BANK
- (D) THE PROFITABILITY OF THE BANK'S LOANS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE EASE WITH WHICH ASSETS CAN BE CONVERTED INTO CASH WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF VALUE

### 106. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A METHOD OF 'BANKING FRAUD'?

- (A) IDENTITY THEFT
- (B) PHISHING
- (C) TRANSACTION REVERSAL
- (D) DIRECT DEPOSIT

**ANSWER:** (D) DIRECT DEPOSIT

### 107. WHAT DOES 'GNP' STAND FOR IN ECONOMIC TERMS?

- (A) GROSS NATIONAL PROFIT
- (B) GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

- (C) GROSS NATIONAL PRICING
- (D) GOVERNMENT NATIONAL PROGRAM

**ANSWER:** (B) GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

# 108. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE 'CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIO' (CAR) IN BANKING?

- (A) TO MEASURE A BANK'S PROFITABILITY
- (B) TO ENSURE THAT A BANK HAS ENOUGH CAPITAL TO COVER POTENTIAL LOSSES
- (C) TO ASSESS THE RISK OF FRAUD IN A BANK
- (D) TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES FOR LOANS

**ANSWER:** (B) TO ENSURE THAT A BANK HAS ENOUGH CAPITAL TO COVER POTENTIAL LOSSES

## 109. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'SHORT-TERM CREDIT'?

- (A) HOME MORTGAGE LOANS
- (B) PERSONAL LOANS WITH A REPAYMENT PERIOD OF LESS THAN A YEAR
- (C) CORPORATE BONDS WITH A 10-YEAR MATURITY
- (D) CAR LOANS WITH A 5-YEAR TERM

**ANSWER:** (B) PERSONAL LOANS WITH A REPAYMENT PERIOD OF LESS THAN A YEAR

### 110. THE TERM 'SOVEREIGN RISK' REFERS TO:

(A) THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAILURE OF A GOVERNMENT TO REPAY ITS DEBT

- (B) THE RISK OF CURRENCY DEVALUATION
- (C) THE RISK OF A COMPANY'S STOCK PRICE FALLING
- (D) THE RISK OF BANK INSOLVENCY

**ANSWER:** (A) THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAILURE OF A GOVERNMENT TO REPAY ITS DEBT

#### 111. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF 'NEFT' IN BANKING?

- (A) NATIONAL ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER
- (B) NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND TRANSFER
- (C) NEW ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSACTION
- (D) NATIONAL EXPORT FUNDS TRANSFER

**ANSWER:** (A) NATIONAL ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

# 112. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THE 'STOCK EXCHANGE'?

- (A) TO ISSUE GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (B) TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR BUYING AND SELLING SHARES AND SECURITIES
- (C) TO MANAGE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (D) TO LEND MONEY TO SMALL BUSINESSES

**ANSWER:** (B) TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR BUYING AND SELLING SHARES AND SECURITIES

113. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'COMMODITY EXCHANGE'?

- (A) NSE (NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE)
- (B) MCX (MULTI COMMODITY EXCHANGE)
- (C) RBI (RESERVE BANK OF INDIA)
- (D) SEBI (SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA)

**ANSWER:** (B) MCX (MULTI COMMODITY EXCHANGE)

#### 114. WHAT IS A 'HEDGE' IN FINANCIAL TERMS?

- (A) A RISK-FREE INVESTMENT
- (B) A STRATEGY USED TO REDUCE RISK IN INVESTMENTS
- (C) A TYPE OF SHORT-TERM LOAN
- (D) A FIXED INCOME SECURITY

ANSWER: (B) A STRATEGY USED TO REDUCE RISK IN INVESTMENTS

# 115. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MAIN GOAL OF 'FINANCIAL INCLUSION'?

- (A) TO PROMOTE WEALTH INEQUALITY
- (B) TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED OR UNBANKED POPULATIONS
- (C) TO ELIMINATE TAXES ON BANKS
- (D) TO FOCUS ON HIGH-NET-WORTH INDIVIDUALS

**ANSWER:** (B) TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED OR UNBANKED POPULATIONS

116. IN BANKING, 'LOAN-TO-VALUE RATIO' (LTV) REFERS TO:

- (A) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOAN A CUSTOMER CAN AVAIL
- (B) THE RATIO OF A LOAN TO THE VALUE OF THE ASSET PURCHASED WITH THE LOAN
- (C) THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST CHARGED ON A LOAN
- (D) THE TOTAL VALUE OF ALL LOANS IN A BANK'S PORTFOLIO

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RATIO OF A LOAN TO THE VALUE OF THE ASSET PURCHASED WITH THE LOAN

# 117. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A FUNCTION OF THE 'CENTRAL BANK'?

- (A) MANAGING THE COUNTRY'S CURRENCY AND MONEY SUPPLY
- (B) CONTROLLING INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES
- (C) ISSUING AND REGULATING CURRENCY
- (D) ACCEPTING CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

**ANSWER:** (D) ACCEPTING CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

#### 118. THE 'SWIFT CODE' IS USED FOR:

- (A) DETERMINING THE INTEREST RATE ON A LOAN
- (B) IDENTIFYING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS
- (C) CHECKING THE CREDIT SCORE OF AN INDIVIDUAL
- (D) CREATING A NEW BANK ACCOUNT

**ANSWER:** (B) IDENTIFYING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

#### 119. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO 'REHYPOTHECATION'?

- (A) USING A CUSTOMER'S SECURITIES AS COLLATERAL FOR THE BANK'S BORROWING
- (B) THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING A LOAN TO A THIRD PARTY
- (C) THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS TO RAISE CAPITAL
- (D) THE PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS TO SHAREHOLDERS

**ANSWER:** (A) USING A CUSTOMER'S SECURITIES AS COLLATERAL FOR THE BANK'S BORROWING

#### 120. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A 'PUBLIC SECTOR BANK' IN INDIA?

- (A) HDFC BANK
- (B) ICICI BANK
- (C) STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- (D) AXIS BANK

**ANSWER:** (C) STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)

#### 121. WHAT IS THE 'MAIN FUNCTION' OF A COMMERCIAL BANK?

- (A) TO REGULATE THE CURRENCY OF A COUNTRY
- (B) TO ACCEPT DEPOSITS AND PROVIDE LOANS
- (C) TO ISSUE GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (D) TO MANAGE MONETARY POLICY

**ANSWER:** (B) TO ACCEPT DEPOSITS AND PROVIDE LOANS

### 122. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF 'CENTRAL BANK' IN FINANCIAL TERMS?

- (A) A BANK THAT DEALS WITH INTERNATIONAL LOANS
- (B) A BANK THAT CONTROLS AND REGULATES THE BANKING SYSTEM OF A COUNTRY
- (C) A BANK THAT PROVIDES BANKING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES
- (D) A BANK THAT ACCEPTS DEPOSITS FROM FOREIGN NATIONALS

**ANSWER:** (B) A BANK THAT CONTROLS AND REGULATES THE BANKING SYSTEM OF A COUNTRY

#### 123. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF 'DERIVATIVES'?

- (A) STOCKS
- (B) BONDS
- (C) OPTIONS
- (D) CURRENCY

**ANSWER:** C) OPTIONS

#### 124. WHAT IS 'DEBT FINANCING'?

- (A) RAISING CAPITAL BY SELLING SHARES
- (B) RAISING CAPITAL BY BORROWING FUNDS FROM BANKS OR ISSUING BONDS
- (C) RAISING FUNDS THROUGH DONATIONS
- (D) RAISING CAPITAL BY INCREASING THE VALUE OF ASSETS

**ANSWER:** (B) RAISING CAPITAL BY BORROWING FUNDS FROM BANKS OR ISSUING BONDS

#### 125. WHAT IS THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF 'MONETARY POLICY'?

- (A) TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING
- (B) TO CONTROL INFLATION AND STABILIZE THE CURRENCY
- (C) TO REGULATE THE PRICES OF COMMODITIES
- (D) TO MANAGE THE FISCAL DEFICIT

ANSWER: (B) TO CONTROL INFLATION AND STABILIZE THE CURRENCY

# 126. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'RETAIL BANKING' SERVICE?

- (A) PROVIDING CORPORATE LOANS TO BUSINESSES
- (B) OFFERING SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND MORTGAGES TO INDIVIDUALS
- (C) ISSUING GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (D) MANAGING THE CENTRAL BANK'S RESERVES

**ANSWER:** (B) OFFERING SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND MORTGAGES TO INDIVIDUALS

# 127. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE 'MONETARY AUTHORITY' IN A COUNTRY?

- (A) TO PRINT CURRENCY
- (B) TO REGULATE THE BANKING SYSTEM AND CONTROL THE MONEY SUPPLY
- (C) TO OFFER LOANS TO BUSINESSES
- (D) TO COLLECT TAXES

**ANSWER:** (B) TO REGULATE THE BANKING SYSTEM AND CONTROL THE MONEY SUPPLY

### 128. WHAT DOES 'AUM' STAND FOR IN BANKING?

- (A) ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT
- (B) AVAILABLE UNIFORM MARKET
- (C) ANNUAL UNIFORM MAINTENANCE
- (D) ACCOUNTS UNDER MANAGEMENT

**ANSWER: (A) ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT** 

# 129. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'SHORT-TERM DEBT INSTRUMENT'?

- (A) GOVERNMENT BONDS WITH A MATURITY OF 15 YEARS
- (B) TREASURY BILLS WITH A MATURITY OF LESS THAN 1 YEAR
- (C) LONG-TERM CORPORATE BONDS
- (D) FIXED DEPOSITS FOR 5 YEARS

ANSWER: (B) TREASURY BILLS WITH A MATURITY OF LESS THAN 1 YEAR

### 130. WHAT IS A 'MORTGAGE'?

- (A) A SHORT-TERM LOAN SECURED BY AN ASSET
- (B) A LOAN TAKEN OUT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE, SECURED BY THE PROPERTY
- (C) A TYPE OF GOVERNMENT BOND
- (D) A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OFFERING HIGHER INTEREST RATES

**ANSWER:** (B) A LOAN TAKEN OUT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE, SECURED BY THE PROPERTY

# 131. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A 'KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR' (KPI) FOR A BANK?

- (A) THE TOTAL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT
- (B) THE NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN OPERATION
- (C) THE RETURN ON EQUITY (ROE)
- (D) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED ON LOANS

**ANSWER:** (C) THE RETURN ON EQUITY (ROE)

### 132. WHAT IS THE 'BASE RATE' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE INTEREST RATE OFFERED ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (B) THE MINIMUM RATE AT WHICH A BANK LENDS TO ITS MOST CREDITWORTHY CUSTOMERS
- (C) THE RATE AT WHICH THE CENTRAL BANK LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (D) THE RATE OF RETURN ON GOVERNMENT BONDS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE MINIMUM RATE AT WHICH A BANK LENDS TO ITS MOST CREDITWORTHY CUSTOMERS

## 133. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A FEATURE OF 'MOBILE BANKING'?

- (A) CUSTOMERS CAN MANAGE THEIR ACCOUNTS AND PERFORM TRANSACTIONS VIA A MOBILE APPLICATION
- (B) CUSTOMERS CAN ONLY MAKE DEPOSITS AT BANK BRANCHES
- (C) CUSTOMERS RECEIVE PAPER BANK STATEMENTS VIA POST

(D) MOBILE BANKING IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS

**ANSWER:** (A) CUSTOMERS CAN MANAGE THEIR ACCOUNTS AND PERFORM TRANSACTIONS VIA A MOBILE APPLICATION

#### 134. WHAT IS THE 'PRUDENTIAL NORMS' IN BANKING?

- (A) RULES THAT ENSURE A BANK'S FINANCIAL STABILITY BY REGULATING ITS CREDIT, LIQUIDITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT
- (B) NORMS SET FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PRODUCT OFFERINGS
- (C) GUIDELINES FOR MARKETING BANKING PRODUCTS
- (D) PROCEDURES FOR OPENING NEW BRANCHES

**ANSWER:** (A) RULES THAT ENSURE A BANK'S FINANCIAL STABILITY BY REGULATING ITS CREDIT, LIQUIDITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT

# 135. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT AN EXAMPLE OF 'FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET'?

- (A) A MARKET WHERE CURRENCIES ARE TRADED
- (B) A MARKET FOR INTERNATIONAL BONDS
- (C) A MARKET FOR TRADING FOREIGN CURRENCY
- (D) A PLATFORM FOR EXCHANGING GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

ANSWER: (D) A PLATFORM FOR EXCHANGING GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

#### 136. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DEFINES 'INFLATION'?

(A) A DECREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES IN THE ECONOMY

- (B) A SUSTAINED INCREASE IN THE GENERAL PRICE LEVEL OF GOODS AND SERVICES
- (C) A RISE IN THE INTEREST RATES BY THE CENTRAL BANK
- (D) AN INCREASE IN THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

**ANSWER:** (B) A SUSTAINED INCREASE IN THE GENERAL PRICE LEVEL OF GOODS AND SERVICES

# 137. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE 'PRIMARY MARKET' IN THE CONTEXT OF SECURITIES?

- (A) THE MARKET WHERE INVESTORS TRADE SECURITIES AMONG THEMSELVES
- (B) THE MARKET WHERE COMPANIES ISSUE NEW SHARES OR BONDS TO RAISE CAPITAL
- (C) THE MARKET FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS
- (D) THE MARKET FOR GOVERNMENT BONDS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE MARKET WHERE COMPANIES ISSUE NEW SHARES OR BONDS TO RAISE CAPITAL

#### 138. WHAT IS 'SECURITIZATION' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE PROCESS OF ISSUING GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (B) THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING ILLIQUID ASSETS INTO TRADEABLE SECURITIES
- (C) THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS
- (D) THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING CUSTOMER LOANS TO A THIRD PARTY

**ANSWER:** (B) THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING ILLIQUID ASSETS INTO TRADEABLE SECURITIES

# 139. WHAT IS THE 'OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS' (OMO) OF A CENTRAL BANK?

- (A) BUYING AND SELLING GOVERNMENT BONDS TO REGULATE THE MONEY SUPPLY
- (B) OFFERING LOANS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS AT A FIXED RATE
- (C) SETTING THE MINIMUM CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BANKS
- (D) DETERMINING THE INTEREST RATES FOR SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (A) BUYING AND SELLING GOVERNMENT BONDS TO REGULATE THE MONEY SUPPLY

#### 140. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A 'PERSONAL LOAN'?

- (A) A LOAN TAKEN BY A BUSINESS TO FINANCE ITS OPERATIONS
- (B) A LOAN TAKEN BY AN INDIVIDUAL FOR PERSONAL USE SUCH AS EDUCATION OR MEDICAL EXPENSES
- (C) A LOAN SECURED BY A FIXED DEPOSIT
- (D) A MORTGAGE LOAN FOR PURCHASING A HOUSE

**ANSWER:** (B) A LOAN TAKEN BY AN INDIVIDUAL FOR PERSONAL USE SUCH AS EDUCATION OR MEDICAL EXPENSES

# 141. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A PRIMARY FUNCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BANK?

- (A) GRANTING LOANS
- (B) REGULATING INTEREST RATES

- (C) ISSUING GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (D) DETERMINING THE STOCK MARKET INDEX

**ANSWER:** (A) GRANTING LOANS

# 142. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A PRIMARY TOOL USED BY CENTRAL BANKS TO REGULATE THE MONEY SUPPLY?

- (A) RESERVE REQUIREMENT
- (B) STOCK MARKET REGULATIONS
- (C) CORPORATE TAXATION
- (D) PRIVATE LENDING RATES

**ANSWER:** A) RESERVE REQUIREMENT

#### 143. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF 'ATM'?

- (A) AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE
- (B) AUTOMATED TRANSACTION MACHINE
- (C) AUTOMATED TRADING MECHANISM
- (D) AUTOMATIC TELLER METHOD

**ANSWER:** (A) AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE

#### 144. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF BANK ACCOUNT?

- (A) FIXED DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
- (B) WORKING CAPITAL ACCOUNT
- (C) TRADING ACCOUNT
- (D) GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT

**ANSWER: (A) FIXED DEPOSIT ACCOUNT** 

### 145. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A 'PUBLIC SECTOR' BANK IN INDIA?

- (A) HDFC BANK
- (B) ICICI BANK
- (C) STATE BANK OF INDIA
- (D) AXIS BANK

**ANSWER: (C) STATE BANK OF INDIA** 

# 146. WHAT IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH BANKS LEND MONEY TO BORROWERS?

- (A) DISCOUNTING
- (B) FRACTIONAL RESERVE BANKING
- (C) LEASING
- (D) HEDGING

**ANSWER:** (B) FRACTIONAL RESERVE BANKING

#### 147. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA?

- (A) RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)
- (B) STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- (C) ICICI BANK
- (D) HDFC BANK

**ANSWER:** (A) RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)

148. WHAT IS THE 'REPO RATE'?

- (A) THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS LEND MONEY TO THEIR CUSTOMERS
- (B) THE RATE AT WHICH THE CENTRAL BANK LENDS MONEY TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (C) THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS CHARGE CUSTOMERS FOR OVERDRAFT
- (D) THE RATE AT WHICH GOVERNMENT BONDS ARE SOLD

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RATE AT WHICH THE CENTRAL BANK LENDS MONEY TO COMMERCIAL BANKS

## 149. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED A 'BAD LOAN' IN BANKING?

- (A) PERFORMING LOAN
- (B) NON-PERFORMING ASSET (NPA)
- (C) SECURED LOAN
- (D) MICROLOAN

**ANSWER:** (B) NON-PERFORMING ASSET (NPA)

## 150. WHAT IS 'NET INTEREST MARGIN' (NIM)?

- (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTEREST EARNED ON LOANS AND THE INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS
- (B) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED ON LONG-TERM LOANS
- (C) THE RATIO OF TOTAL ASSETS TO TOTAL LIABILITIES
- (D) THE COST OF ISSUING BONDS BY THE BANK

**ANSWER:** (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTEREST EARNED ON LOANS AND THE INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS

## 111. WHAT IS A 'BOND' IN THE CONTEXT OF BANKING?

- (A) A TYPE OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT
- (B) A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT USED BY GOVERNMENTS AND CORPORATIONS TO BORROW MONEY
- (C) A LOAN GRANTED BY BANKS TO CUSTOMERS
- (D) A TYPE OF BANK DEPOSIT

**ANSWER:** (B) A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT USED BY GOVERNMENTS AND CORPORATIONS TO BORROW MONEY

#### 112. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO 'LIQUIDITY' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE ABILITY OF A BANK TO MEET LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS
- (B) THE ABILITY TO CONVERT ASSETS INTO CASH WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF VALUE
- (C) THE AMOUNT OF LOANS A BANK CAN ISSUE
- (D) THE PROFITABILITY OF A BANK

**ANSWER:** (B) THE ABILITY TO CONVERT ASSETS INTO CASH WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF VALUE

### 113. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'CURRENCY RISK'?

- (A) RISK OF DEFAULT BY A BORROWER
- (B) RISK ARISING FROM FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES
- (C) RISK DUE TO INTEREST RATE CHANGES
- (D) RISK FROM ASSET DEPRECIATION

**ANSWER:** (B) RISK ARISING FROM FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES

### 114. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'CAPITAL MARKET'?

- (A) GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
- (B) BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (C) TREASURY BILLS
- (D) MORTGAGE LOANS

**ANSWER: (A) GOVERNMENT SECURITIES** 

# 115. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A KEY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CENTRAL BANK?

- (A) SETTING UP INTEREST RATES FOR LOANS
- (B) MANAGING THE MONEY SUPPLY AND INFLATION
- (C) MANAGING THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (D) GRANTING PERSONAL LOANS TO CUSTOMERS

**ANSWER:** (B) MANAGING THE MONEY SUPPLY AND INFLATION

# 116. WHAT IS THE TERM USED WHEN BANKS REQUIRE CUSTOMERS TO DEPOSIT MONEY AS COLLATERAL FOR A LOAN?

- (A) MORTGAGE
- (B) OVERDRAFT
- (C) CREDIT CARD
- (D) SECURED LOAN

ANSWER: (D) SECURED LOAN

# 117. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE 'MONETARY POLICY' IN A COUNTRY?

- (A) TO COLLECT TAXES
- (B) TO SET UP INTEREST RATES ON GOVERNMENT LOANS
- (C) TO CONTROL THE MONEY SUPPLY AND INFLATION
- (D) TO DETERMINE THE STOCK MARKET INDEX

ANSWER: (C) TO CONTROL THE MONEY SUPPLY AND INFLATION

### 118. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A BANKING PRODUCT?

- (A) SAVINGS ACCOUNT
- (B) FIXED DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
- (C) EQUITY SHARES
- (D) LOAN ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER: (C) EQUITY SHARES** 

### 119. WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE 'CONSUMER CREDIT ACT'?

- (A) TO REGULATE THE LENDING OF BANKS TO CUSTOMERS
- (B) TO ENSURE THAT COMMERCIAL BANKS ISSUE BONDS
- (C) TO CONTROL INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TRANSACTIONS
- (D) TO REGULATE THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

**ANSWER:** A) TO REGULATE THE LENDING OF BANKS TO CUSTOMERS

## 120. IN BANKING, THE TERM 'CREDIT RISK' REFERS TO:

(A) THE RISK THAT A BORROWER WILL NOT REPAY A LOAN

- (B) THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH CURRENCY DEVALUATION
- (C) THE RISK OF A FINANCIAL MARKET CRASH
- (D) THE RISK THAT INTEREST RATES WILL RISE

ANSWER: (A) THE RISK THAT A BORROWER WILL NOT REPAY A LOAN

- 121. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED A 'NON-BANKING FINANCIAL COMPANY' (NBFC)?
  - (A) STATE BANK OF INDIA
  - (B) ICICI BANK
  - (C) BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.
  - (D) RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

**ANSWER:** (C) BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.

- 122. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF 'OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS' (OMOS) IN MONETARY POLICY?
  - (A) TO BUY AND SELL GOVERNMENT SECURITIES TO CONTROL THE MONEY SUPPLY
  - (B) TO ISSUE BONDS TO RAISE CAPITAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT
  - (C) TO DECIDE THE INTEREST RATES FOR SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
  - (D) TO REGULATE THE PRICES OF COMMODITIES

**ANSWER:** (A) TO BUY AND SELL GOVERNMENT SECURITIES TO CONTROL THE MONEY SUPPLY

- 123. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'DEBT INSTRUMENT'?
  - (A) COMMON STOCK

- (B) CORPORATE BOND
- (C) SAVINGS ACCOUNT
- (D) TREASURY BILL

**ANSWER:** (B) CORPORATE BOND

# 124. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DEFINES THE TERM 'LIABILITIES' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS OWED BY A BANK
- (B) THE PROFIT MADE BY THE BANK FROM LOANS
- (C) THE TOTAL ASSETS HELD BY THE BANK
- (D) THE EQUITY CAPITAL OF THE BANK

ANSWER: (A) THE DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS OWED BY A BANK

## 125. WHICH TYPE OF LOAN IS SECURED BY PROPERTY OR REAL ESTATE?

- (A) PERSONAL LOAN
- (B) UNSECURED LOAN
- (C) MORTGAGE LOAN
- (D) AUTO LOAN

**ANSWER:** (C) MORTGAGE LOAN

# 126. WHAT IS THE TERM USED FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY A BANK IS REQUIRED TO HOLD AS RESERVES?

- (A) MINIMUM DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT
- (B) RESERVE REQUIREMENT

- (C) LIQUID ASSET RATIO
- (D) CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIO

**ANSWER:** (B) RESERVE REQUIREMENT

#### 127. WHAT DOES THE TERM 'SOVEREIGN RISK' MEAN?

- (A) THE RISK OF CURRENCY DEVALUATION
- (B) THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH GOVERNMENT DEFAULT ON DEBT
- (C) THE RISK OF CORPORATE BANKRUPTCY
- (D) THE RISK OF INVESTMENT IN HIGH-RISK STOCKS

ANSWER: (B) THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH GOVERNMENT DEFAULT ON DEBT

# 28. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF 'INVESTMENT BANKING'?

- (A) ACCEPTING DEPOSITS AND ISSUING LOANS
- (B) HELPING COMPANIES RAISE CAPITAL THROUGH THE SALE OF SHARES OR BONDS
- (C) PROVIDING LOANS TO CUSTOMERS FOR PERSONAL USE
- (D) MANAGING A BANK'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PORTFOLIO

**ANSWER:** (B) HELPING COMPANIES RAISE CAPITAL THROUGH THE SALE OF SHARES OR BONDS

### 129. WHAT DOES 'NPA' STAND FOR IN BANKING TERMS?

- (A) NET PROFITS AFTER TAX
- (B) NON-PERFORMING ASSET

- (C) NEW PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
- (D) NON-PRIORITY ALLOCATION

**ANSWER:** B) NON-PERFORMING ASSET

# 130. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)?

- (A) PROVIDING LOANS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (B) ISSUING CURRENCY AND REGULATING MONETARY POLICY
- (C) ISSUING STOCK CERTIFICATES
- (D) OFFERING PERSONAL LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS

ANSWER: (B) ISSUING CURRENCY AND REGULATING MONETARY POLICY

#### 131. WHAT DOES THE TERM 'LIQUIDITY RATIO' MEASURE IN BANKING?

- (A) THE AMOUNT OF DEBT HELD BY A BANK
- (B) THE ABILITY OF A BANK TO MEET ITS SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS
- (C) THE RATE AT WHICH A BANK LENDS TO CUSTOMERS
- (D) THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH A BANK'S LOAN PORTFOLIO

ANSWER: (B) THE ABILITY OF A BANK TO MEET ITS SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS

### 132. WHAT IS A 'SWAP' IN THE FINANCIAL MARKET?

- (A) A TYPE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
- (B) A CONTRACT WHERE TWO PARTIES EXCHANGE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS OR LIABILITIES

- (C) A GOVERNMENT-BACKED LOAN
- (D) A TYPE OF DERIVATIVE USED FOR CURRENCY EXCHANGE

**ANSWER:** (B) A CONTRACT WHERE TWO PARTIES EXCHANGE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS OR LIABILITIES

# 133. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A COMMONLY USED 'MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENT'?

- (A) CORPORATE BONDS
- (B) TREASURY BILLS
- (C) REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT
- (D) EQUITY SHARES

**ANSWER:** (B) TREASURY BILLS

### 134. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A 'CREDIT RATING'?

- (A) TO ASSESS THE PROFITABILITY OF A COMPANY
- (B) TO EVALUATE THE CREDITWORTHINESS OF A BORROWER
- (C) TO DETERMINE THE INTEREST RATE FOR LOANS
- (D) TO SET THE MINIMUM DEPOSIT FOR SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (B) TO EVALUATE THE CREDITWORTHINESS OF A BORROWER

# 135. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES 'ECONOMIC CAPITAL' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE TOTAL ASSETS HELD BY A BANK
- (B) THE TOTAL DEBT OF A BANK

- (C) THE BANK'S OWN FUNDS USED TO COVER POTENTIAL RISKS
- (D) THE AMOUNT OF CUSTOMER DEPOSITS IN THE BANK

ANSWER: (C) THE BANK'S OWN FUNDS USED TO COVER POTENTIAL RISKS

#### 136. WHAT IS A 'CURRENCY SWAP'?

- (A) THE PROCESS OF EXCHANGING ONE CURRENCY FOR ANOTHER IN THE FOREX MARKET
- (B) A CONTRACT WHERE TWO PARTIES EXCHANGE CASH FLOWS IN DIFFERENT CURRENCIES
- (C) THE EXCHANGE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY
- (D) THE CONVERSION OF MONEY FROM AN ACCOUNT TO CASH

**ANSWER:** (B) A CONTRACT WHERE TWO PARTIES EXCHANGE CASH FLOWS IN DIFFERENT CURRENCIES

# 137. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED A 'SHORT-TERM DEBT INSTRUMENT'?

- (A) TREASURY BILLS WITH A MATURITY OF LESS THAN ONE YEAR
- (B) CORPORATE BONDS WITH A MATURITY OF 10 YEARS
- (C) HOME MORTGAGE LOANS
- (D) LONG-TERM GOVERNMENT BONDS

ANSWER: (A) TREASURY BILLS WITH A MATURITY OF LESS THAN ONE YEAR

## 138. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'DERIVATIVE'?

(A) MORTGAGE LOAN

- (B) TREASURY BILL
- (C) OPTIONS CONTRACT
- (D) CORPORATE BOND

**ANSWER:** (C) OPTIONS CONTRACT

## 139. WHAT DOES THE TERM 'DEBT FINANCING' MEAN?

- (A) RAISING FUNDS BY SELLING EQUITY IN A COMPANY
- (B) RAISING FUNDS BY BORROWING FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES, SUCH AS ISSUING BONDS OR LOANS
- (C) RAISING CAPITAL BY TAKING DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS
- (D) RAISING CAPITAL BY ISSUING NEW STOCKS

**ANSWER:** (B) RAISING FUNDS BY BORROWING FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES, SUCH AS ISSUING BONDS OR LOANS

### 140. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'SECURITIZATION'?

- (A) CONVERTING LOANS INTO TRADEABLE SECURITIES
- (B) THE PROCESS OF LENDING TO BORROWERS
- (C) THE PROCESS OF REPAYING GOVERNMENT DEBT
- (D) THE CREATION OF A NEW BANK BRANCH

**ANSWER:** (A) CONVERTING LOANS INTO TRADEABLE SECURITIES

## 141. WHAT IS THE 'CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIO' (CAR)?

- (A) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S RESERVES TO ITS LOANS
- (B) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S CAPITAL TO ITS RISK-WEIGHTED ASSETS

- (C) THE TOTAL VALUE OF ASSETS HELD BY A BANK
- (D) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S NET INCOME TO ITS EQUITY CAPITAL

ANSWER: (B) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S CAPITAL TO ITS RISK-WEIGHTED ASSETS

# 142. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'MONETARY POLICY TOOL'?

- (A) FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES
- (B) OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS
- (C) TAXATION
- (D) PUBLIC DEBT

**ANSWER: (B) OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS** 

### 143. WHAT IS 'BANK RECONCILIATION'?

- (A) THE PROCESS OF MATCHING THE BANK'S RECORDS WITH THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL RECORDS
- (B) THE PROCESS OF DEPOSITING MONEY INTO A BANK ACCOUNT
- (C) THE PROCESS OF ISSUING LOANS TO CUSTOMERS
- (D) THE PROCESS OF CALCULATING INTEREST ON LOANS

**ANSWER:** A) THE PROCESS OF MATCHING THE BANK'S RECORDS WITH THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL RECORDS

#### 144. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A TYPE OF LOAN GIVEN BY BANKS?

- (A) PERSONAL LOAN
- (B) HOME LOAN

- (C) EDUCATION LOAN
- (D) STOCK MARKET INVESTMENT

**ANSWER:** (D) STOCK MARKET INVESTMENT

# 145. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED AN 'ASSET' IN BANKING TERMS?

- (A) DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS
- (B) LOANS GRANTED TO CUSTOMERS
- (C) SHAREHOLDER EQUITY
- (D) INTEREST PAID BY CUSTOMERS

**ANSWER: (B) LOANS GRANTED TO CUSTOMERS** 

#### 146. WHAT IS MEANT BY 'INFLATION TARGETING' IN MONETARY POLICY?

- (A) SETTING A TARGET FOR THE AMOUNT OF DEBT IN THE ECONOMY
- (B) TARGETING SPECIFIC SECTORS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH
- (C) SETTING A SPECIFIC INFLATION RATE GOAL AND ADJUSTING MONETARY POLICY TO ACHIEVE IT
- (D) SETTING INTEREST RATES TO CONTROL THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**ANSWER:** (C) SETTING A SPECIFIC INFLATION RATE GOAL AND ADJUSTING MONETARY POLICY TO ACHIEVE IT

#### 147. WHAT DOES THE TERM 'DIVERSIFICATION' MEAN IN BANKING?

(A) OFFERING LOANS TO DIFFERENT TYPES OF BUSINESSES

- (B) SPREADING INVESTMENTS ACROSS VARIOUS ASSETS TO REDUCE RISK
- (C) SETTING HIGH-INTEREST RATES ON LOANS
- (D) THE PRACTICE OF OFFERING ONE TYPE OF LOAN ONLY

**ANSWER:** (B) SPREADING INVESTMENTS ACROSS VARIOUS ASSETS TO REDUCE RISK

## 148. WHAT IS 'TARP' (TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM)?

- (A) A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STRUGGLING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
- (B) A BANKING REGULATION THAT SETS INTEREST RATES
- (C) A FINANCIAL PRODUCT OFFERED TO HIGH-NET-WORTH INDIVIDUALS
- (D) A RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR LOANS

**ANSWER:** (A) A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STRUGGLING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

# 149. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A FUNCTION OF THE BANKING SECTOR IN AN ECONOMY?

- (A) TO PROVIDE LOANS AND CREDITS TO CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES
- (B) TO REGULATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING
- (C) TO ISSUE CURRENCY NOTES
- (D) TO MANAGE PUBLIC DEBT

ANSWER: (A) TO PROVIDE LOANS AND CREDITS TO CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES

### 150. WHAT DOES 'RISK MANAGEMENT' IN BANKING INVOLVE?

- (A) ASSESSING, ANALYZING, AND MINIMIZING FINANCIAL RISKS FACED BY THE BANK
- (B) OFFERING HIGH-INTEREST RATES ON LOANS
- (C) INCREASING THE NUMBER OF BANK BRANCHES
- (D) MAXIMIZING THE BANK'S PROFITS THROUGH INVESTMENT

**ANSWER:** (A) ASSESSING, ANALYZING, AND MINIMIZING FINANCIAL RISKS FACED BY THE BANK

#### 151. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO 'INTEREST RATE RISK'?

- (A) THE RISK OF FLUCTUATIONS IN THE VALUE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES
- (B) THE RISK ARISING FROM CHANGES IN MARKET INTEREST RATES THAT AFFECT LOAN AND DEPOSIT PRICING
- (C) THE RISK THAT THE CENTRAL BANK WILL CHANGE INTEREST RATES
- (D) THE RISK OF DEFAULT ON LOANS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RISK ARISING FROM CHANGES IN MARKET INTEREST RATES THAT AFFECT LOAN AND DEPOSIT PRICING

# 152. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'CAPITAL MARKET INSTRUMENT'?

(A) SAVINGS ACCOUNT

- (B) CORPORATE BOND
- (C) FIXED DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
- (D) TREASURY BILL

**ANSWER:** (B) CORPORATE BOND

### 153. WHAT IS 'MATURITY RISK'?

- (A) THE RISK OF LOSING MONEY ON INVESTMENTS WHEN THEY MATURE
- (B) THE RISK THAT AN INVESTMENT'S VALUE WILL FLUCTUATE OVER TIME
- (C) THE RISK OF PRICE FLUCTUATIONS IN SECURITIES AS THEY APPROACH THEIR MATURITY DATE
- (D) THE RISK OF FAILING TO RECEIVE INTEREST PAYMENTS ON LOANS

**ANSWER:** (C) THE RISK OF PRICE FLUCTUATIONS IN SECURITIES AS THEY APPROACH THEIR MATURITY DATE

# 154. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT CONSIDERED A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT?

- (A) BONDS
- (B) SHARES
- (C) LOANS
- (D) BRAND NAME

**ANSWER: (D) BRAND NAME** 

155. WHAT IS 'CROWD FUNDING' IN RELATION TO BANKING?

- (A) RAISING CAPITAL BY POOLING SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM MANY PEOPLE, TYPICALLY VIA THE INTERNET
- (B) OFFERING LOANS TO LARGE CORPORATIONS
- (C) A GOVERNMENT-BACKED INITIATIVE TO REDUCE BANKING FEES
- (D) THE PROCESS OF ISSUING STOCK SHARES TO THE PUBLIC

**ANSWER:** (A) RAISING CAPITAL BY POOLING SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM MANY PEOPLE, TYPICALLY VIA THE INTERNET

# 156. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A 'NEGATIVE' ASPECT OF INFLATION FOR BANKS?

- (A) IT INCREASES THE VALUE OF LOANS
- (B) IT REDUCES THE PURCHASING POWER OF MONEY, WHICH MAY LEAD TO HIGHER INTEREST RATES
- (C) IT RAISES THE INTEREST RATES ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (D) IT INCREASES THE VALUE OF THE CURRENCY

**ANSWER:** (B) IT REDUCES THE PURCHASING POWER OF MONEY, WHICH MAY LEAD TO HIGHER INTEREST RATES

#### 157. WHAT IS 'MONETARY POLICY' AIMED AT?

- (A) REDUCING INCOME TAXES
- (B) REGULATING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN CIRCULATION TO CONTROL INFLATION AND STABILIZE THE ECONOMY
- (C) INCREASING GOVERNMENT SPENDING
- (D) MANAGING TRADE BETWEEN COUNTRIES

**ANSWER:** (B) REGULATING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN CIRCULATION TO CONTROL INFLATION AND STABILIZE THE ECONOMY

#### 158. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD LIKELY INDICATE A 'BANK RUN'?

- (A) DEPOSITORS ATTEMPTING TO WITHDRAW LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY SIMULTANEOUSLY
- (B) THE BANK'S OFFERING HIGHER INTEREST RATES ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (C) THE BANK ISSUING NEW BONDS TO RAISE CAPITAL
- (D) THE BANK CONSOLIDATING WITH OTHER BANKS

**ANSWER:** (A) DEPOSITORS ATTEMPTING TO WITHDRAW LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY SIMULTANEOUSLY

# 59. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A COMMONLY USED METHOD OF FINANCING FOR A BUSINESS?

- (A) LOANS FROM BANKS
- (B) ISSUING EQUITY SHARES TO THE PUBLIC
- (C) RAISING FUNDS THROUGH CROWD-FUNDING
- (D) PURCHASING COMPANY STOCK FOR PERSONAL INVESTMENT

ANSWER: (D) PURCHASING COMPANY STOCK FOR PERSONAL INVESTMENT

### 160. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED A 'LONG-TERM' LOAN?

- (A) A MORTGAGE LOAN WITH A TENURE OF 15 YEARS
- (B) A CAR LOAN WITH A TENURE OF 2 YEARS
- (C) A SHORT-TERM PERSONAL LOAN WITH A TENURE OF 6 MONTHS

(D) A PAYDAY LOAN WITH A TENURE OF 30 DAYS

**ANSWER:** A) A MORTGAGE LOAN WITH A TENURE OF 15 YEARS

# 161. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A SERVICE PROVIDED BY COMMERCIAL BANKS?

- (A) PROVIDING CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (B) OFFERING RETIREMENT PLANNING SERVICES
- (C) ISSUING CURRENCY
- (D) PROVIDING PERSONAL AND BUSINESS LOANS

**ANSWER:** (C) ISSUING CURRENCY

## 162. WHAT IS THE TERM 'LIQUIDITY RISK' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE RISK THAT AN ASSET CANNOT BE QUICKLY CONVERTED INTO CASH WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LOSS
- (B) THE RISK OF BORROWERS DEFAULTING ON LOANS
- (C) THE RISK OF CHANGES IN INTEREST RATES
- (D) THE RISK THAT THE BANK CANNOT MEET ITS LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

**ANSWER:** (A) THE RISK THAT AN ASSET CANNOT BE QUICKLY CONVERTED INTO CASH WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LOSS

#### 163. WHAT DOES 'ROA' STAND FOR IN BANKING?

- (A) RATE OF ASSETS
- (B) RETURN ON ASSETS
- (C) RETURN ON ACCOUNTS

(D) RATE OF AFFORDABILITY

**ANSWER:** (B) RETURN ON ASSETS

# 164. WHAT IS THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF A CENTRAL BANK'S MONETARY POLICY?

- (A) TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE ECONOMY
- (B) TO ENSURE LOW INFLATION AND STABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
- (C) TO REGULATE INTEREST RATES ON LOANS OFFERED TO CUSTOMERS
- (D) TO ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF TAXATION

ANSWER: (B) TO ENSURE LOW INFLATION AND STABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

#### 165. WHAT IS THE 'REPO RATE'?

- (A) THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS LEND TO EACH OTHER OVERNIGHT
- (B) THE RATE AT WHICH THE CENTRAL BANK LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (C) THE RATE CHARGED ON INTERBANK TRANSACTIONS
- (D) THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS LEND TO THEIR CUSTOMERS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RATE AT WHICH THE CENTRAL BANK LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS

### 166. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF 'SECURITIZATION' IN BANKING?

(A) THE PROCESS OF CREATING NEW LOAN PRODUCTS

- (B) THE PROCESS OF POOLING VARIOUS TYPES OF LOANS AND SELLING THEM AS SECURITIES
- (C) THE PROCESS OF ENSURING LOANS WITH INSURANCE
- (D) THE PROCESS OF VERIFYING THE CREDITWORTHINESS OF BORROWERS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE PROCESS OF POOLING VARIOUS TYPES OF LOANS AND SELLING THEM AS SECURITIES

### 167. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF A 'CREDIT RATING AGENCY'?

- (A) TO PROVIDE LOANS TO BANKS
- (B) TO ASSESS AND ASSIGN RATINGS TO THE CREDITWORTHINESS OF BORROWERS
- (C) TO ISSUE BONDS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT
- (D) TO OFFER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS TO CUSTOMERS

**ANSWER:** (B) TO ASSESS AND ASSIGN RATINGS TO THE CREDITWORTHINESS OF BORROWERS

#### 168. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A FEATURE OF ISLAMIC BANKING?

- (A) PROHIBITION OF INTEREST (RIBA)
- (B) PROFIT AND LOSS SHARING
- (C) INVESTMENT IN PERMISSIBLE (HALAL) BUSINESSES
- (D) LOAN REPAYMENTS WITH INTEREST

**ANSWER:** (D) LOAN REPAYMENTS WITH INTEREST

169. WHAT IS 'ASSET-LIABILITY MANAGEMENT' (ALM)?

- (A) THE PROCESS OF MANAGING A BANK'S LOAN PORTFOLIO
- (B) THE PROCESS OF MANAGING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BANK'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
- (C) THE PROCESS OF MANAGING THE BANK'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE
- (D) THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING THE CREDIT RISK OF BORROWERS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE PROCESS OF MANAGING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BANK'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

### 170. WHAT IS 'ASSET-BACKED SECURITY'?

- (A) A LOAN THAT IS SECURED BY A BORROWER'S CREDIT HISTORY
- (B) A BOND OR SECURITY BACKED BY A POOL OF ASSETS LIKE MORTGAGES, CAR LOANS, OR CREDIT CARD DEBT
- (C) A TYPE OF GOVERNMENT BOND ISSUED WITH A FIXED MATURITY
- (D) A LOAN PROVIDED AGAINST THE COLLATERAL OF BANK ASSETS

**ANSWER:** (B) A BOND OR SECURITY BACKED BY A POOL OF ASSETS LIKE MORTGAGES, CAR LOANS, OR CREDIT CARD DEBT

# 171. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF 'FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS'?

- (A) IT IS A MARKET WHERE MONEY IS BORROWED AND LENT
- (B) IT IS A MARKET WHERE CURRENCIES ARE BOUGHT AND SOLD
- (C) IT IS A MARKET FOR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
- (D) IT IS A MARKET FOR COMMODITIES LIKE GOLD AND OIL

ANSWER: (1B) IT IS A MARKET WHERE CURRENCIES ARE BOUGHT AND SOLD

## 172. WHAT IS 'BASEL III'?

- (A) A SET OF REGULATIONS FOR CAPITAL MARKETS
- (B) A GLOBAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE REGULATION, SUPERVISION, AND RISK MANAGEMENT OF THE BANKING SECTOR
- (C) A MONETARY POLICY STRATEGY FOR REDUCING INFLATION
- (D) A GOVERNMENT SCHEME FOR BANK CREDIT FACILITIES

**ANSWER:** (B) A GLOBAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE REGULATION, SUPERVISION, AND RISK MANAGEMENT OF THE BANKING SECTOR

#### 173. WHAT DOES 'SOVEREIGN RISK' REFER TO IN BANKING?

- (A) THE RISK THAT A GOVERNMENT WILL DEFAULT ON ITS DEBT OBLIGATIONS
- (B) THE RISK OF CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF A COUNTRY'S CURRENCY
- (C) THE RISK OF CHANGES IN INTEREST RATES BY A CENTRAL BANK
- (D) THE RISK OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY AFFECTING THE ECONOMY

**ANSWER:** (A) THE RISK THAT A GOVERNMENT WILL DEFAULT ON ITS DEBT OBLIGATIONS

#### 174. WHAT IS THE 'FEDERAL RESERVE' RESPONSIBLE FOR?

- (A) ISSUING GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (B) REGULATING THE STOCK MARKET
- (C) CONDUCTING NATIONAL MONETARY POLICY AND REGULATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

(D) PROVIDING LOANS TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

**ANSWER:** (C) CONDUCTING NATIONAL MONETARY POLICY AND REGULATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

## 175. WHAT IS A 'BALANCE OF PAYMENTS' (BOP)?

- (A) A RECORD OF ALL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN A COUNTRY AND THE REST OF THE WORLD
- (B) A RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN A BANK AND ITS CUSTOMERS
- (C) A STATEMENT OF THE CAPITAL OF A COMPANY
- (D) A REPORT ON THE NATIONAL DEBT

**ANSWER:** (A) A RECORD OF ALL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN A COUNTRY AND THE REST OF THE WORLD

### 176. WHAT IS 'VENTURE CAPITAL'?

- (A) A TYPE OF LOAN PROVIDED BY BANKS TO LARGE CORPORATIONS
- (B) CAPITAL INVESTED IN A BUSINESS, TYPICALLY A START-UP OR SMALL COMPANY, THAT IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE LONG-TERM GROWTH POTENTIAL
- (C) GOVERNMENT FUNDS INVESTED IN NATIONAL BANKS
- (D) CAPITAL INVESTED IN REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES

**ANSWER:** (B) CAPITAL INVESTED IN A BUSINESS, TYPICALLY A START-UP OR SMALL COMPANY, THAT IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE LONG-TERM GROWTH POTENTIAL

177. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES THE 'PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION' (PCA) FRAMEWORK FOR BANKS?

- (A) A FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCING CUSTOMER SERVICE
- (B) A REGULATORY MEASURE TO MONITOR AND INTERVENE IN THE OPERATIONS OF A BANK FACING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES
- (C) A TOOL FOR INCREASING THE LENDING CAPACITY OF BANKS
- (D) A TECHNIQUE FOR INCREASING A BANK'S STOCK MARKET PERFORMANCE

**ANSWER:** (B) A REGULATORY MEASURE TO MONITOR AND INTERVENE IN THE OPERATIONS OF A BANK FACING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

# 178. WHAT DOES THE TERM 'LIQUIDITY COVERAGE RATIO' (LCR) REFER TO IN BANKING?

- (A) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S EQUITY TO ITS LIABILITIES
- (B) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S LIQUID ASSETS TO ITS SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES, AIMED AT ENSURING THAT THE BANK CAN MEET SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS
- (C) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S REVENUE TO ITS OPERATING EXPENSES
- (D) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S CAPITAL RESERVES TO ITS TOTAL LOANS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S LIQUID ASSETS TO ITS SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES, AIMED AT ENSURING THAT THE BANK CAN MEET SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS

## 179. WHAT IS 'CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY' (CBDC)?

- (A) A CRYPTOCURRENCY ISSUED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
- (B) A FORM OF DIGITAL CURRENCY ISSUED AND REGULATED BY A COUNTRY'S CENTRAL BANK
- (C) A DIGITAL FORM OF PAPER CURRENCY USED IN GLOBAL TRADE

(D) A PEER-TO-PEER DIGITAL PAYMENT SYSTEM

**ANSWER:** (B) A FORM OF DIGITAL CURRENCY ISSUED AND REGULATED BY A COUNTRY'S CENTRAL BANK

# 180. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'NON-BANKING FINANCIAL COMPANY' (NBFC)?

- (A) A COMMERCIAL BANK OFFERING SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (B) A FINANCIAL COMPANY PROVIDING LOANS BUT NOT TAKING DEPOSITS
- (C) A STATE-OWNED BANK
- (D) A BANK THAT OPERATES INTERNATIONALLY

**ANSWER:** (B) A FINANCIAL COMPANY PROVIDING LOANS BUT NOT TAKING DEPOSITS

### 181. WHAT DOES 'ECONOMIC CAPITAL' REFER TO IN BANKING?

- (A) THE TOTAL VALUE OF A BANK'S PHYSICAL ASSETS
- (B) THE CAPITAL SET ASIDE TO COVER POTENTIAL RISKS, INCLUDING CREDIT, MARKET, AND OPERATIONAL RISKS
- (C) THE PROFIT MADE BY A BANK AFTER TAXES
- (D) THE RESERVES HELD BY THE CENTRAL BANK

**ANSWER:** (B) THE CAPITAL SET ASIDE TO COVER POTENTIAL RISKS, INCLUDING CREDIT, MARKET, AND OPERATIONAL RISKS

# 182. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A PRIMARY FUNCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BANK?

(A) ISSUING GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

- (B) PROVIDING LOANS TO BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS
- (C) DETERMINING MONETARY POLICY
- (D) SETTING TAX RATES

ANSWER: (B) PROVIDING LOANS TO BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

## 183. WHAT IS 'MARKET RISK' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE RISK OF A BORROWER DEFAULTING ON A LOAN
- (B) THE RISK OF LOSING MONEY DUE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN MARKET PRICES OR INTEREST RATES
- (C) THE RISK OF FAILING TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS
- (D) THE RISK OF LOAN REPAYMENT DELAYS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RISK OF LOSING MONEY DUE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN MARKET PRICES OR INTEREST RATES

# 184. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY GOAL OF A 'RESERVE REQUIREMENT' SET BY A CENTRAL BANK?

- (A) TO ENSURE THAT BANKS MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT RESERVES TO COVER THEIR LIABILITIES AND FACILITATE LENDING
- (B) TO CONTROL THE INTEREST RATES CHARGED ON LOANS
- (C) TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAILING BANKS
- (D) TO REGULATE THE STOCK MARKET

**ANSWER:** (A) TO ENSURE THAT BANKS MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT RESERVES TO COVER THEIR LIABILITIES AND FACILITATE LENDING

185. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'COMMERCIAL LOAN'?

- (A) A HOME MORTGAGE LOAN
- (B) A LOAN GIVEN TO A BUSINESS FOR WORKING CAPITAL PURPOSES
- (C) A STUDENT LOAN
- (D) A CAR LOAN FOR PERSONAL USE

**ANSWER:** (B) A LOAN GIVEN TO A BUSINESS FOR WORKING CAPITAL PURPOSES

### 186. WHAT IS 'SYNDICATED LOAN'?

- (A) A LOAN THAT INVOLVES MULTIPLE BANKS OR LENDERS SHARING THE CREDIT RISK
- (B) A LOAN PROVIDED BY A SINGLE LENDER TO A LARGE CORPORATION
- (C) A LOAN WHERE THE BORROWER IS A GOVERNMENT ENTITY
- (D) A LOAN GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS WITH LOW CREDIT SCORES

**ANSWER:** (A) A LOAN THAT INVOLVES MULTIPLE BANKS OR LENDERS SHARING THE CREDIT RISK

## 187. WHAT DOES 'ECB' STAND FOR IN BANKING?

- (A) ECONOMIC CREDIT BASE
- (B) EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK
- (C) EMERGENCY CREDIT BORROWING
- (D) EQUITY CAPITAL BASE

**ANSWER:** (B) EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

188. WHAT IS 'COMMERCIAL PAPER' IN BANKING?

- (A) A TYPE OF BOND ISSUED BY COMPANIES TO RAISE SHORT-TERM FUNDS
- (B) A PHYSICAL PAPER DOCUMENT THAT REPRESENTS MONEY
- (C) A FINANCIAL PRODUCT ISSUED BY GOVERNMENTS FOR LONG-TERM FINANCING
- (D) A FORM OF PROMISSORY NOTE USED FOR PERSONAL LOANS

**ANSWER:** (A) A TYPE OF BOND ISSUED BY COMPANIES TO RAISE SHORT-TERM FUNDS

### 189. WHAT DOES 'NPAS' STAND FOR IN THE BANKING SECTOR?

- (A) NATIONAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
- (B) NON-PERFORMING ASSETS
- (C) NEW PAYMENT AGREEMENTS
- (D) NON-PAYMENT AMOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (B) NON-PERFORMING ASSETS

## 190. WHAT IS THE 'CASH RESERVE RATIO' (CRR)?

- (A) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S CASH HOLDINGS TO ITS TOTAL ASSETS
- (B) THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF A BANK'S TOTAL DEPOSITS THAT MUST BE HELD IN THE FORM OF CASH OR AS DEPOSITS WITH THE CENTRAL BANK
- (C) THE RATIO OF CASH TO LOANS PROVIDED BY BANKS
- (D) THE PERCENTAGE OF LOANS A BANK MUST ISSUE TO BUSINESSES

**ANSWER:** (B) THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF A BANK'S TOTAL DEPOSITS THAT MUST BE HELD IN THE FORM OF CASH OR AS DEPOSITS WITH THE CENTRAL BANK

#### 191. WHAT IS 'WHOLESALE BANKING'?

- (A) BANKING SERVICES PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMERS
- (B) BANKING SERVICES PROVIDED TO LARGE CORPORATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS
- (C) BANKING SERVICES PROVIDED TO SMALL BUSINESSES
- (D) SERVICES RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY EXCHANGE

**ANSWER:** (B) BANKING SERVICES PROVIDED TO LARGE CORPORATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

#### 192. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE?

- (A) CURRENCY FUTURES
- (B) PERSONAL LOAN
- (C) CORPORATE BOND
- (D) FIXED DEPOSIT

**ANSWER: (A) CURRENCY FUTURES** 

#### 193. WHAT IS THE 'CURRENT RATIO' IN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS?

- (A) THE RATIO OF A COMPANY'S CURRENT ASSETS TO ITS TOTAL ASSETS
- (B) THE RATIO OF A COMPANY'S CURRENT LIABILITIES TO ITS CURRENT ASSETS, USED TO ASSESS LIQUIDITY
- (C) THE RATIO OF A COMPANY'S TOTAL DEBT TO ITS EQUITY

(D) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S TOTAL RESERVES TO ITS TOTAL LOANS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RATIO OF A COMPANY'S CURRENT LIABILITIES TO ITS CURRENT ASSETS, USED TO ASSESS LIQUIDITY

## 194. WHAT IS THE 'SPREAD' IN BANKING TERMS?

- (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE INTEREST RATES ON LOANS AND DEPOSITS
- (B) THE PROCESS OF OFFERING CREDIT FACILITIES TO CUSTOMERS
- (C) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BUYING AND SELLING PRICE OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT
- (D) THE PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTING DIVIDENDS TO SHAREHOLDERS

**ANSWER:** (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE INTEREST RATES ON LOANS AND DEPOSITS

### 195. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A FEATURE OF 'MOBILE BANKING'?

- (A) MAKING DEPOSITS THROUGH A MOBILE APP
- (B) SENDING MONEY TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT USING MOBILE DEVICES
- (C) PAYING UTILITY BILLS ONLINE THROUGH A MOBILE APP
- (D) VISITING A BANK BRANCH TO WITHDRAW MONEY

ANSWER: (D) VISITING A BANK BRANCH TO WITHDRAW MONEY

## 196. WHAT IS 'QUANTITATIVE EASING' (QE) IN MONETARY POLICY?

- (A) THE POLICY OF REDUCING INTEREST RATES TO ENCOURAGE BORROWING
- (B) THE POLICY OF CENTRAL BANKS INCREASING THE MONEY SUPPLY BY PURCHASING SECURITIES TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY

- (C) THE POLICY OF REDUCING THE MONEY SUPPLY TO CURB INFLATION
- (D) THE POLICY OF RAISING TAXES TO CONTROL INFLATION

**ANSWER:** (B) THE POLICY OF CENTRAL BANKS INCREASING THE MONEY SUPPLY BY PURCHASING SECURITIES TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY

## 197. WHAT IS 'ASSET MANAGEMENT' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE PROCESS OF MANAGING THE PHYSICAL ASSETS OF A BANK
- (B) THE MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND ASSETS ON BEHALF OF CUSTOMERS OR CLIENTS
- (C) THE MANAGEMENT OF LOANS GRANTED TO CUSTOMERS
- (D) THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP NEW BRANCHES FOR A BANK

**ANSWER:** (B) THE MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND ASSETS ON BEHALF OF CUSTOMERS OR CLIENTS

## 198. WHAT IS A 'CD' (CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT) IN BANKING?

- (A) A DOCUMENT THAT REPRESENTS A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN A BANK AND A BORROWER
- (B) A TIME DEPOSIT OFFERED BY BANKS WITH A FIXED INTEREST RATE AND MATURITY DATE
- (C) A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED DEBT SECURITY
- (D) A SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT ISSUED BY LARGE CORPORATIONS

**ANSWER:** (B) A TIME DEPOSIT OFFERED BY BANKS WITH A FIXED INTEREST RATE AND MATURITY DATE

#### 199. WHAT IS 'LEVERAGE' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE AMOUNT OF CAPITAL BORROWED TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF ASSETS
- (B) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S TOTAL DEPOSITS TO ITS TOTAL ASSETS
- (C) THE ABILITY OF A BANK TO OFFER LOW-INTEREST LOANS
- (D) THE PRACTICE OF INCREASING SHAREHOLDER EQUITY THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STOCK

**ANSWER:** (A) THE AMOUNT OF CAPITAL BORROWED TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF ASSETS

# 200. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF A 'MICROFINANCE INSTITUTION'?

- (A) PROVIDES LOANS TO LARGE CORPORATIONS
- (B) FOCUSES ON PROVIDING FINANCIAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL BUSINESSES
- (C) ONLY OFFERS SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- (D) OPERATES ONLY IN URBAN AREAS

**ANSWER:** (B) FOCUSES ON PROVIDING FINANCIAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

#### 201. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF 'DEPOSIT INSURANCE'?

- (A) TO PROTECT BANK CUSTOMERS' DEPOSITS IN CASE THE BANK FAILS
- (B) TO INSURE THE BANK'S PROFITS
- (C) TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO BANK EMPLOYEES

(D) TO INSURE LOANS MADE BY THE BANK

**ANSWER** (A) TO PROTECT BANK CUSTOMERS' DEPOSITS IN CASE THE BANK FAILS

# 202. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A TYPE OF NON-PERFORMING ASSET (NPA)?

- (A) AN ASSET THAT GENERATES INCOME FOR THE BANK
- (B) A LOAN WHERE THE BORROWER HAS MISSED PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS OR MORE
- (C) A LOAN THAT IS SECURED BY A MORTGAGE
- (D) A LOAN PROVIDED BY THE BANK FOR BUYING GOVERNMENT BONDS

**ANSWER:** (B) A LOAN WHERE THE BORROWER HAS MISSED PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS OR MORE

## 203. WHAT IS 'CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIO' (CAR)?

- (A) A RATIO OF A BANK'S EARNINGS TO ITS LIABILITIES
- (B) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S CAPITAL TO ITS RISK-WEIGHTED ASSETS
- (C) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S EQUITY TO ITS LOANS
- (D) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S PROFITS TO ITS TOTAL ASSETS

ANSWER: (B) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S CAPITAL TO ITS RISK-WEIGHTED ASSETS

# 204. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A FUNCTION OF THE CENTRAL BANK?

(A) REGULATING THE MONEY SUPPLY

- (B) SUPERVISING COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (C) ISSUING CURRENCY
- (D) PROVIDING LOANS TO BUSINESSES

**ANSWER:** (D) PROVIDING LOANS TO BUSINESSES

## 205. WHAT IS 'COUNTERPARTY RISK'?

- (A) THE RISK THAT THE BORROWER MAY NOT REPAY THE LOAN
- (B) THE RISK THAT THE COUNTERPARTY IN A FINANCIAL TRANSACTION MAY DEFAULT ON ITS OBLIGATIONS
- (C) THE RISK THAT INTEREST RATES WILL CHANGE
- (D) THE RISK THAT A BANK WILL FACE LIQUIDITY PROBLEMS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RISK THAT THE COUNTERPARTY IN A FINANCIAL TRANSACTION MAY DEFAULT ON ITS OBLIGATIONS

## 206. WHAT IS THE 'PRIME LENDING RATE' (PLR)?

- (A) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED BY CENTRAL BANKS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (B) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED BY COMMERCIAL BANKS TO THEIR BEST CUSTOMERS
- (C) THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS LEND TO OTHER BANKS IN THE INTERBANK MARKET
- (D) THE INTEREST RATE PAID BY CUSTOMERS ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED BY COMMERCIAL BANKS TO THEIR BEST CUSTOMERS

207. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF 'BASEL III'?

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- (A) TO REGULATE STOCK MARKETS
- (B) TO IMPROVE THE SOUNDNESS AND STABILITY OF THE BANKING SECTOR BY INCREASING CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS AND IMPROVING RISK MANAGEMENT
- (C) TO SET INTEREST RATES FOR LOANS
- (D) TO PROMOTE FINANCIAL INCLUSION

**ANSWER:** (B) TO IMPROVE THE SOUNDNESS AND STABILITY OF THE BANKING SECTOR BY INCREASING CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS AND IMPROVING RISK MANAGEMENT

## 208. WHAT IS 'MONETARY POLICY'?

- (A) A SET OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AIMED AT REGULATING BUSINESS PRACTICES
- (B) A SET OF POLICIES ADOPTED BY A CENTRAL BANK TO CONTROL THE MONEY SUPPLY AND INTEREST RATES TO ACHIEVE MACROECONOMIC GOALS
- (C) A POLICY FOR MANAGING BANK LOANS
- (D) A SET OF POLICIES TO REGULATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

**ANSWER:** (B) A SET OF POLICIES ADOPTED BY A CENTRAL BANK TO CONTROL THE MONEY SUPPLY AND INTEREST RATES TO ACHIEVE MACROECONOMIC GOALS

## 209. WHAT DOES 'BANKING OMBUDSMAN' DO?

- (A) SUPERVISES THE PERFORMANCE OF BANK EMPLOYEES
- (B) MEDIATES COMPLAINTS BY CUSTOMERS AGAINST BANKS
- (C) SETS INTEREST RATES FOR COMMERCIAL BANKS

(D) PROVIDES LOANS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS

ANSWER: (B) MEDIATES COMPLAINTS BY CUSTOMERS AGAINST BANKS

## 210. WHAT IS A 'CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM'?

- (A) A SYSTEM FOR ENSURING ADEQUATE CASH IS AVAILABLE IN THE BANK'S VAULTS
- (B) A SOFTWARE THAT HELPS MANAGE CASH TRANSACTIONS FOR BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS
- (C) A PROGRAM TO FACILITATE THE LENDING OF CASH TO CUSTOMERS
- (D) A METHOD USED BY BANKS TO MANAGE THE SUPPLY OF MONEY TO THE ECONOMY

**ANSWER:** (B) A SOFTWARE THAT HELPS MANAGE CASH TRANSACTIONS FOR BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

## 211. WHAT DOES 'CREDIT RISK' REFER TO?

- (A) THE RISK OF A DECREASE IN ASSET VALUE DUE TO CHANGES IN INTEREST RATES
- (B) THE RISK THAT A BORROWER MAY NOT REPAY THE LOAN AS PER THE TERMS AGREED UPON
- (C) THE RISK OF FLUCTUATIONS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES
- (D) THE RISK OF A BANK RUNNING OUT OF MONEY

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RISK THAT A BORROWER MAY NOT REPAY THE LOAN AS PER THE TERMS AGREED UPON

212. WHAT IS 'BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY' IN BANKING?

- (A) A NEW TYPE OF INTEREST RATE MECHANISM FOR LOANS
- (B) A SECURE, DECENTRALIZED DIGITAL LEDGER USED FOR RECORDING TRANSACTIONS
- (C) A GOVERNMENT REGULATION FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
- (D) A METHOD FOR CALCULATING LOAN REPAYMENT SCHEDULES

**ANSWER:** (B) A SECURE, DECENTRALIZED DIGITAL LEDGER USED FOR RECORDING TRANSACTIONS

#### 213. WHAT DOES 'CPI' STAND FOR IN ECONOMIC TERMS?

- (A) CREDIT PRICE INDEX
- (B) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
- (C) CAPITAL PAYMENT INDICATOR
- (D) CREDIT PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

**ANSWER:** (B) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

### 214. WHAT IS 'FINTECH'?

- (A) A FINANCIAL SECTOR COMPANY THAT DEALS WITH TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS
- (B) FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY USED TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING MOBILE BANKING, PEER-TO-PEER LENDING, ETC.
- (C) A BANK PROVIDING ONLY ONLINE SERVICES
- (D) A TRADITIONAL BANK OFFERING FINANCIAL SERVICES

**ANSWER:** (B) FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY USED TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING MOBILE BANKING, PEER-TO-PEER LENDING, ETC.

## 215. WHAT IS 'EFT' (ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER)?

- (A) A METHOD OF TRANSFERRING CASH FROM ONE BRANCH TO ANOTHER
- (B) THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ELECTRONICALLY
- (C) A TYPE OF LOAN REPAYMENT
- (D) A METHOD OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS THROUGH PHYSICAL CHEQUES

**ANSWER:** (B) THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ELECTRONICALLY

#### 216. WHAT IS THE 'CURRENCY SWAP'?

- (A) A TRANSACTION IN WHICH TWO PARTIES EXCHANGE ONE CURRENCY FOR ANOTHER AT A PREDETERMINED EXCHANGE RATE
- (B) THE PROCESS OF EXCHANGING ONE LOAN FOR ANOTHER
- (C) A MECHANISM USED BY BANKS TO EXCHANGE CURRENCY FOR GOLD
- (D) A CONTRACT FOR TRADING FOREIGN EXCHANGE

**ANSWER:** (A) A TRANSACTION IN WHICH TWO PARTIES EXCHANGE ONE CURRENCY FOR ANOTHER AT A PREDETERMINED EXCHANGE RATE

## 217. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF 'RISK MANAGEMENT' IN A BANK?

- (A) TO ENSURE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION
- (B) TO MAXIMIZE PROFITS

- (C) TO IDENTIFY, ASSESS, AND MITIGATE POTENTIAL RISKS IN THE BANK'S OPERATIONS
- (D) TO EXPAND THE BANK'S CUSTOMER BASE

**ANSWER:** (C) TO IDENTIFY, ASSESS, AND MITIGATE POTENTIAL RISKS IN THE BANK'S OPERATIONS

## 218. WHAT DOES 'MATURITY DATE' REFER TO IN BANKING?

- (A) THE DATE WHEN AN ASSET'S VALUE IS REALIZED
- (B) THE DATE WHEN A LOAN OR BOND BECOMES DUE FOR REPAYMENT
- (C) THE DATE WHEN INTEREST ON A SAVINGS ACCOUNT IS PAID
- (D) THE DATE A BORROWER APPLIES FOR A LOAN

ANSWER: (B) THE DATE WHEN A LOAN OR BOND BECOMES DUE FOR REPAYMENT

## 219. WHAT IS 'OVERDRAFT PROTECTION'?

- (A) A LOAN OFFERED TO COVER UNEXPECTED EXPENSES
- (B) A SERVICE THAT PREVENTS CHECKS FROM BOUNCING BY ALLOWING CUSTOMERS TO WITHDRAW MORE MONEY THAN THEIR ACCOUNT BALANCE
- (C) A FEE CHARGED FOR USING A BANK CARD
- (D) A PENALTY CHARGED FOR EARLY LOAN REPAYMENT

**ANSWER**: (B) A SERVICE THAT PREVENTS CHECKS FROM BOUNCING BY ALLOWING CUSTOMERS TO WITHDRAW MORE MONEY THAN THEIR ACCOUNT BALANCE

#### 220. WHAT IS 'MICROCREDIT'?

- (A) CREDIT PROVIDED TO LARGE CORPORATIONS
- (B) SMALL LOANS TYPICALLY PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL BUSINESSES IN LOW-INCOME AREAS TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES
- (C) LOANS PROVIDED TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION SECTOR
- (D) LOANS OFFERED TO HELP BUY SECURITIES

**ANSWER:** (B) SMALL LOANS TYPICALLY PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL BUSINESSES IN LOW-INCOME AREAS TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES

# 221. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF 'KYC' (KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER) REGULATIONS?

- (A) TO ENSURE THAT BANKS LEND MONEY TO ONLY PROFITABLE BUSINESSES
- (B) TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF CLIENTS AND PREVENT FINANCIAL CRIMES SUCH AS MONEY LAUNDERING AND FRAUD
- (C) TO PROVIDE CUSTOMERS WITH MORE PERSONALIZED BANKING SERVICES
- (D) TO ENSURE CUSTOMERS CAN WITHDRAW THEIR MONEY QUICKLY

**ANSWER:** (B) TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF CLIENTS AND PREVENT FINANCIAL CRIMES SUCH AS MONEY LAUNDERING AND FRAUD

# 222. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'FIXED INTEREST RATE'?

- (A) A LOAN WHERE THE INTEREST RATE CHANGES EVERY YEAR
- (B) A LOAN WHERE THE INTEREST RATE REMAINS CONSTANT THROUGHOUT THE LOAN TERM

- (C) A LOAN WHERE INTEREST IS ONLY PAID AT THE END OF THE TERM
- (D) A LOAN THAT DOES NOT CHARGE ANY INTEREST

**ANSWER:** (B) A LOAN WHERE THE INTEREST RATE REMAINS CONSTANT THROUGHOUT THE LOAN TERM

### 223. WHAT DOES 'LIQUIDITY RISK' REFER TO?

- (A) THE RISK THAT THE BANK WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ITS SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS DUE TO THE LACK OF LIQUID ASSETS
- (B) THE RISK OF FLUCTUATIONS IN INTEREST RATES
- (C) THE RISK THAT A BANK MAY DEFAULT ON ITS LOANS
- (D) THE RISK OF ASSETS LOSING THEIR VALUE

**ANSWER:** (A) THE RISK THAT THE BANK WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ITS SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS DUE TO THE LACK OF LIQUID ASSETS

## 224. WHAT IS A 'TREASURY BILL' (T-BILL)?

- (A) A SHORT-TERM DEBT SECURITY ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RAISE FUNDS
- (B) A LONG-TERM BOND ISSUED BY A CORPORATION
- (C) A TYPE OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT OFFERED BY COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (D) A LOAN PROVIDED BY THE CENTRAL BANK TO COMMERCIAL BANKS

**ANSWER:** (A) A SHORT-TERM DEBT SECURITY ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RAISE FUNDS

## 225. WHAT IS A 'HEDGING' STRATEGY?

(A) A METHOD OF BORROWING FUNDS TO FINANCE INVESTMENTS

- (B) A TECHNIQUE USED TO REDUCE OR OFFSET THE RISK OF ADVERSE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN AN ASSET
- (C) A STRATEGY TO INCREASE THE PROFITABILITY OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
- (D) A POLICY TO INCREASE INTEREST RATES ON LOANS

**ANSWER:** (B) A TECHNIQUE USED TO REDUCE OR OFFSET THE RISK OF ADVERSE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN AN ASSET

# 226. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF 'CENTRAL BANK'S OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS'?

- (A) TO REGULATE INTEREST RATES FOR COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (B) TO MANAGE THE MONEY SUPPLY BY BUYING AND SELLING GOVERNMENT SECURITIES IN THE OPEN MARKET
- (C) TO PROVIDE LOANS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (D) TO SUPERVISE THE OPERATIONS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

**ANSWER:** (B) TO MANAGE THE MONEY SUPPLY BY BUYING AND SELLING GOVERNMENT SECURITIES IN THE OPEN MARKET

#### 227. WHAT IS 'SHADOW BANKING'?

- (A) BANKING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
  THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO TRADITIONAL BANKING REGULATIONS
- (B) THE PRACTICE OF BANKS OFFERING SECRET LOANS TO CUSTOMERS
- (C) THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY CENTRAL BANKS
- (D) BANKING SERVICES THAT FOCUS ON PROVIDING LOANS TO LARGE CORPORATIONS ONLY

**ANSWER:** (A) BANKING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO TRADITIONAL BANKING REGULATIONS

#### 228. WHAT DOES 'BAILOUT' MEAN IN THE CONTEXT OF BANKING?

- (A) A SITUATION WHERE A BANK REPAYS ITS DEPOSITORS IN FULL
- (B) A GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A FAILING FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
- (C) A METHOD OF INCREASING THE CAPITAL RESERVES OF A BANK
- (D) THE PRACTICE OF LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR CUSTOMERS

**ANSWER:** (B) A GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A FAILING FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

#### 229. WHAT IS 'CONSUMER CREDIT'?

- (A) LOANS PROVIDED TO BUSINESSES TO EXPAND OPERATIONS
- (B) SHORT-TERM CREDIT PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES
- (C) THE CREDIT LIMIT SET BY A BANK FOR CORPORATE CUSTOMERS
- (D) THE MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

**ANSWER:** (B) SHORT-TERM CREDIT PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES

## 230. WHAT IS 'PAYMENT GATEWAY'?

- (A) A PLATFORM THAT FACILITATES FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN MERCHANTS AND CUSTOMERS THROUGH ELECTRONIC PAYMENT METHODS
- (B) A METHOD FOR MAKING DEPOSITS AT A BANK BRANCH

- (C) A TOOL FOR MANAGING LOANS AND MORTGAGES
- (D) A CENTRAL AUTHORITY THAT REGULATES INTEREST RATES IN THE BANKING SECTOR

**ANSWER:** (A) A PLATFORM THAT FACILITATES FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN MERCHANTS AND CUSTOMERS THROUGH ELECTRONIC PAYMENT METHODS

## 231. WHAT IS 'RISK-WEIGHTED ASSETS' (RWA)?

- (A) A METHOD OF CALCULATING THE TOTAL VALUE OF ASSETS HELD BY A BANK
- (B) THE TOTAL VALUE OF A BANK'S ASSETS, ADJUSTED FOR THE RISK OF EACH ASSET
- (C) THE TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF A BANK'S SECURITIES PORTFOLIO
- (D) A MEASURE OF A BANK'S LIQUIDITY

**ANSWER:** (B) THE TOTAL VALUE OF A BANK'S ASSETS, ADJUSTED FOR THE RISK OF EACH ASSET

## 232. WHAT IS THE 'DISCOUNT RATE' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE RATE CHARGED BY COMMERCIAL BANKS TO THEIR CUSTOMERS
- (B) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED BY A CENTRAL BANK FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (C) THE INTEREST RATE ON GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (D) THE RATE AT WHICH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OFFER MORTGAGES TO HOMEBUYERS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED BY A CENTRAL BANK FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS

#### 233. WHAT IS 'REVERSE REPO'?

- (A) A LOAN AGREEMENT WHERE THE CENTRAL BANK BUYS SECURITIES FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS WITH AN AGREEMENT TO SELL THEM BACK AT A LATER DATE
- (B) A TYPE OF LOAN PROVIDED BY COMMERCIAL BANKS TO THEIR CUSTOMERS
- (C) A FINANCIAL PRODUCT FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE
- (D) A METHOD FOR BANKS TO ISSUE NEW STOCKS

**ANSWER:** (A) A LOAN AGREEMENT WHERE THE CENTRAL BANK BUYS SECURITIES FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS WITH AN AGREEMENT TO SELL THEM BACK AT A LATER DATE

# 234. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF 'CAPITAL BUFFER' IN BASEL III REGULATIONS?

- (A) TO ENSURE BANKS HAVE ENOUGH CAPITAL TO ABSORB LOSSES DURING PERIODS OF FINANCIAL STRESS
- (B) TO INCREASE THE PROFITABILITY OF THE BANK
- (C) TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY LOANS TO CUSTOMERS
- (D) TO FUND THE EXPANSION OF BANK BRANCHES

**ANSWER:** (A) TO ENSURE BANKS HAVE ENOUGH CAPITAL TO ABSORB LOSSES DURING PERIODS OF FINANCIAL STRESS

235. WHAT DOES 'INTEREST RATE RISK' REFER TO?

- (A) THE RISK OF A DECREASE IN THE VALUE OF LOANS DUE TO RISING INTEREST RATES
- (B) THE RISK THAT THE CENTRAL BANK WILL CHANGE THE DEPOSIT INTEREST RATE
- (C) THE RISK THAT INTEREST RATES WILL STAY THE SAME FOR A LONG PERIOD
- (D) THE RISK OF DEFAULT ON INTEREST PAYMENTS BY BORROWERS

**ANSWER:** (A) THE RISK OF A DECREASE IN THE VALUE OF LOANS DUE TO RISING INTEREST RATES

## 236. WHAT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE 'LENDER OF LAST RESORT'?

- (A) TO PROVIDE LOANS TO CUSTOMERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN LOANS FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (B) TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY LIQUIDITY TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FACING INSOLVENCY
- (C) TO REGULATE THE INTEREST RATES IN THE ECONOMY
- (D) TO ISSUE LOANS FOR LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

**ANSWER:** (B) TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY LIQUIDITY TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FACING INSOLVENCY

#### 237. WHAT DOES 'NARROW MONEY' REFER TO IN MONETARY POLICY?

- (A) MONEY IN CIRCULATION INCLUDING CURRENCY AND DEMAND DEPOSITS IN BANKS
- (B) THE TOTAL VALUE OF BONDS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

- (C) THE BROADER MONEY SUPPLY INCLUDING LOANS AND MORTGAGES
- (D) MONEY HELD BY CENTRAL BANKS IN FOREIGN RESERVES

**ANSWER:** (A) MONEY IN CIRCULATION INCLUDING CURRENCY AND DEMAND DEPOSITS IN BANKS

## 238. WHAT IS 'PEER-TO-PEER LENDING' (P2P)?

- (A) A METHOD WHERE BANKS LEND MONEY DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS
- (B) A DIGITAL PLATFORM WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN LEND MONEY TO OTHERS WITHOUT INTERMEDIARIES LIKE BANKS
- (C) A FORM OF CREDIT CARD LENDING BETWEEN BANKS
- (D) A LENDING PLATFORM PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

**ANSWER:** (B) A DIGITAL PLATFORM WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN LEND MONEY TO OTHERS WITHOUT INTERMEDIARIES LIKE BANKS

#### 239. WHAT IS A 'SOVEREIGN DEBT'?

- (A) A DEBT ISSUED BY A CORPORATION
- (B) A LOAN GIVEN TO THE GOVERNMENT BY INTERNATIONAL BANKS
- (C) A DEBT ISSUED BY A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO FUND PUBLIC SPENDING
- (D) A DEBT ISSUED BY PRIVATE BANKS TO GOVERNMENTS

**ANSWER:** (C) A DEBT ISSUED BY A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO FUND PUBLIC SPENDING

#### 240. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF 'RETAIL BANKING'?

(A) PROVIDING FINANCIAL SERVICES TO LARGE CORPORATIONS

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- (B) OFFERING LOANS, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS
- (C) MANAGING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS FOR WEALTHY CLIENTS
- (D) ISSUING BONDS TO FINANCE GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

**ANSWER:** (B) OFFERING LOANS, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS

## 241. WHAT DOES 'REPO RATE' REFER TO IN MONETARY POLICY?

- (A) THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS LEND TO EACH OTHER OVERNIGHT
- (B) THE RATE AT WHICH A CENTRAL BANK LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS
- (C) THE RATE AT WHICH BANKS CHARGE THEIR CUSTOMERS FOR LOANS
- (D) THE RATE AT WHICH COMMERCIAL BANKS LEND TO THE CENTRAL BANK

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RATE AT WHICH A CENTRAL BANK LENDS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS

## 242. WHAT IS 'FRACTIONAL RESERVE BANKING'?

- (A) A BANKING SYSTEM WHERE BANKS KEEP A FRACTION OF DEPOSITS IN RESERVE AND LEND OUT THE REST
- (B) A SYSTEM WHERE BANKS ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD 100% OF THEIR DEPOSITS IN RESERVE
- (C) A METHOD USED BY BANKS TO OFFER HIGHER INTEREST RATES ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(D) A BANKING SYSTEM WHERE ONLY GOVERNMENT-ISSUED MONEY CAN BE USED FOR TRANSACTIONS

**ANSWER:** (A) A BANKING SYSTEM WHERE BANKS KEEP A FRACTION OF DEPOSITS IN RESERVE AND LEND OUT THE REST

## 243. WHAT DOES 'LTV' (LOAN-TO-VALUE) RATIO MEASURE?

- (A) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S TOTAL LIABILITIES TO ITS TOTAL EQUITY
- (B) THE RATIO OF A LOAN AMOUNT TO THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY PURCHASED WITH THE LOAN
- (C) THE RATIO OF A LOAN'S INTEREST RATE TO ITS REPAYMENT TERM
- (D) THE RATIO OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S INCOME TO THEIR DEBT PAYMENTS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RATIO OF A LOAN AMOUNT TO THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY PURCHASED WITH THE LOAN

### 244. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES 'SECURITIZATION'?

- (A) THE PROCESS OF CREATING NEW FINANCIAL PRODUCTS BY POOLING ASSETS AND SELLING THEM AS SECURITIES
- (B) THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING LIABILITIES INTO EQUITY
- (C) THE PROCESS OF BANKS LENDING DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT
- (D) THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING STOCKS INTO BONDS

**ANSWER:** (A) THE PROCESS OF CREATING NEW FINANCIAL PRODUCTS BY POOLING ASSETS AND SELLING THEM AS SECURITIES

245. WHAT IS 'ISLAMIC BANKING'?

- (A) A BANKING SYSTEM THAT OPERATES WITHOUT INTEREST AND ADHERES TO ISLAMIC LAW (SHARIA)
- (B) A BANKING SYSTEM THAT EXCLUSIVELY PROVIDES LOANS TO MUSLIM INDIVIDUALS
- (C) A TYPE OF BANKING WHERE THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
- (D) A FORM OF BANKING FOCUSED ON AGRICULTURAL FINANCING

**ANSWER:** (A) A BANKING SYSTEM THAT OPERATES WITHOUT INTEREST AND ADHERES TO ISLAMIC LAW (SHARIA)

## 246. WHAT IS THE 'RISK-ADJUSTED RETURN ON CAPITAL' (RAROC)?

- (A) A MEASURE OF A BANK'S RETURN RELATIVE TO THE RISK IT TAKES ON
- (B) A METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST BANKS SHOULD CHARGE ON LOANS
- (C) A FORMULA FOR DETERMINING A BANK'S TOTAL CAPITAL
- (D) A STANDARD FOR MEASURING LOAN DEFAULT RATES

**ANSWER:** (A) A MEASURE OF A BANK'S RETURN RELATIVE TO THE RISK IT TAKES ON

#### 247. WHAT IS 'SYSTEMIC RISK' IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY?

- (A) THE RISK THAT A SINGLE BANK MAY FAIL DUE TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS
- (B) THE RISK THAT A CHAIN REACTION OF FAILURES IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL SPREAD ACROSS THE ENTIRE BANKING SYSTEM

- (C) THE RISK THAT A BANK FAILS TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS
- (D) THE RISK THAT A BANK'S STOCK PRICE WILL FLUCTUATE DUE TO MARKET CONDITIONS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RISK THAT A CHAIN REACTION OF FAILURES IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL SPREAD ACROSS THE ENTIRE BANKING SYSTEM

## 248. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES 'E-MONEY'?

- (A) MONEY ISSUED BY CENTRAL BANKS IN ELECTRONIC FORM
- (B) MONEY THAT EXISTS ONLY IN DIGITAL FORM AND IS USED FOR ONLINE TRANSACTIONS
- (C) MONEY THAT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR ONLINE GAMBLING
- (D) A TYPE OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT OFFERED BY BANKS FOR DIGITAL CURRENCY

**ANSWER:** (B) MONEY THAT EXISTS ONLY IN DIGITAL FORM AND IS USED FOR ONLINE TRANSACTIONS

# 249. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF 'ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING' (AML) REGULATIONS?

- (A) TO ENSURE THAT BANKS MAINTAIN A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF CAPITAL
- (B) TO PREVENT THE ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF MONEY FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS TERRORISM OR DRUG TRAFFICKING
- (C) TO ENSURE THAT BANKS LEND TO THE RIGHT BORROWERS
- (D) TO GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF CUSTOMER DATA

**ANSWER:** (B) TO PREVENT THE ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF MONEY FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS TERRORISM OR DRUG TRAFFICKING

# 250. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A KEY FEATURE OF 'CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS' (CDS)?

- (A) A BOND ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RAISE CAPITAL
- (B) A DERIVATIVE CONTRACT THAT TRANSFERS THE CREDIT RISK OF A BOND OR LOAN TO A THIRD PARTY
- (C) A GUARANTEE OF LOAN REPAYMENT BY THE CENTRAL BANK
- (D) A TYPE OF INSURANCE PROVIDED FOR SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (B) A DERIVATIVE CONTRACT THAT TRANSFERS THE CREDIT RISK OF A BOND OR LOAN TO A THIRD PARTY

## 251. WHAT IS A 'LETTER OF CREDIT' (LC) IN BANKING?

- (A) A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT USED BY CUSTOMERS TO BORROW MONEY FROM A BANK
- (B) A GUARANTEE FROM A BANK THAT A BUYER'S PAYMENT WILL BE MADE TO A SELLER
- (C) A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN A BANK AND A BUSINESS
- (D) A METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING MONEY TO FOREIGN ACCOUNTS

**ANSWER:** (B) A GUARANTEE FROM A BANK THAT A BUYER'S PAYMENT WILL BE MADE TO A SELLER

## 252. WHAT IS A 'BANK RUN'?

(A) A SITUATION WHERE A BANK'S CUSTOMERS WITHDRAW THEIR DEPOSITS SIMULTANEOUSLY DUE TO FEARS OF THE BANK'S INSOLVENCY

- (B) THE RAPID EXPANSION OF A BANK'S CUSTOMER BASE
- (C) A SITUATION WHERE A BANK IS FORCED TO LEND MONEY AT A LOSS
- (D) THE PRACTICE OF BANKS INCREASING INTEREST RATES DURING A FINANCIAL CRISIS

**ANSWER:** (A) A SITUATION WHERE A BANK'S CUSTOMERS WITHDRAW THEIR DEPOSITS SIMULTANEOUSLY DUE TO FEARS OF THE BANK'S INSOLVENCY

## 253. WHAT IS 'VENTURE CAPITAL'?

- (A) MONEY INVESTED IN GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (B) A TYPE OF LOAN PROVIDED TO SMALL BUSINESSES WITH GUARANTEED RETURNS
- (C) CAPITAL PROVIDED TO STARTUP COMPANIES WITH HIGH GROWTH POTENTIAL IN EXCHANGE FOR EQUITY
- (D) A SAVINGS PLAN OFFERED BY COMMERCIAL BANKS

**ANSWER:** (C) CAPITAL PROVIDED TO STARTUP COMPANIES WITH HIGH GROWTH POTENTIAL IN EXCHANGE FOR EQUITY

# 254. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF 'SHORT-TERM FINANCING'?

- (A) A 30-YEAR MORTGAGE LOAN
- (B) A COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUED BY A CORPORATION WITH A MATURITY OF 90 DAYS
- (C) A GOVERNMENT BOND WITH A 10-YEAR MATURITY
- (D) A BUSINESS EXPANSION LOAN WITH A 15-YEAR REPAYMENT TERM

**ANSWER:** (B) A COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUED BY A CORPORATION WITH A MATURITY OF 90 DAYS

#### 255. WHAT IS A 'CREDIT RATING'?

- (A) A SCORE THAT DETERMINES A BORROWER'S LIKELIHOOD OF REPAYING A LOAN BASED ON THEIR CREDIT HISTORY
- (B) A TOOL USED TO CALCULATE LOAN INTEREST RATES
- (C) A MEASURE OF THE PROFITABILITY OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
- (D) A MEASURE OF A GOVERNMENT'S MONETARY POLICY STRENGTH

**ANSWER:** (A) A SCORE THAT DETERMINES A BORROWER'S LIKELIHOOD OF REPAYING A LOAN BASED ON THEIR CREDIT HISTORY

#### 256. WHAT IS 'DIVERSIFICATION' IN INVESTMENT?

- (A) THE PROCESS OF INVESTING IN A SINGLE ASSET CLASS
- (B) THE PRACTICE OF SPREADING INVESTMENTS ACROSS DIFFERENT TYPES OF ASSETS TO REDUCE RISK
- (C) A METHOD OF CALCULATING THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT
- (D) THE PRACTICE OF MAKING SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE PRACTICE OF SPREADING INVESTMENTS ACROSS DIFFERENT TYPES OF ASSETS TO REDUCE RISK

## 257. WHAT IS A 'MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITY' (MBS)?

- (A) A TYPE OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT OFFERED BY BANKS TO HOMEBUYERS
- (B) A SECURITY THAT IS BACKED BY A POOL OF MORTGAGE LOANS, OFTEN TRADED IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS

- (C) A TYPE OF GOVERNMENT BOND ISSUED FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
- (D) A LOAN PROVIDED BY BANKS TO HOMEBUYERS FOR PURCHASING PROPERTY

**ANSWER:** (B) A SECURITY THAT IS BACKED BY A POOL OF MORTGAGE LOANS, OFTEN TRADED IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS

### 258. WHAT IS 'GLOBALIZATION' IN BANKING?

- (A) THE EXPANSION OF BANKING SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS
- (B) THE PROCESS OF BANKS OPERATING AND OFFERING SERVICES ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS
- (C) A POLICY THAT RESTRICTS INTERNATIONAL TRADE
- (D) A STRATEGY FOR LOCAL BANKS TO OFFER SERVICES ONLY TO NATIONAL CUSTOMERS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE PROCESS OF BANKS OPERATING AND OFFERING SERVICES ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS

## 259. WHAT IS A 'FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE'?

- (A) A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT WHOSE VALUE IS DERIVED FROM THE VALUE OF AN UNDERLYING ASSET, SUCH AS STOCKS, BONDS, OR COMMODITIES
- (B) A FIXED-TERM LOAN AGREEMENT
- (C) A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED SECURITY FOR FUNDING
- (D) A SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH AN INTEREST RATE DETERMINED BY MARKET FLUCTUATIONS

**ANSWER:** (A) A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT WHOSE VALUE IS DERIVED FROM THE VALUE OF AN UNDERLYING ASSET, SUCH AS STOCKS, BONDS, OR COMMODITIES

### 260. WHAT IS 'CROSS-SELLING' IN BANKING?

- (A) SELLING THE SAME PRODUCT TO DIFFERENT CUSTOMERS
- (B) SELLING COMPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL PRODUCTS TO EXISTING CUSTOMERS
- (C) OFFERING DISCOUNTS ON LOANS FOR NEW CUSTOMERS
- (D) THE PRACTICE OF TRANSFERRING LOANS BETWEEN BANKS

**ANSWER:** (B) SELLING COMPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL PRODUCTS TO EXISTING CUSTOMERS

#### 261. WHAT IS 'OVERDRAFT PROTECTION'?

- (A) A SERVICE THAT ALLOWS CUSTOMERS TO BORROW MONEY FOR LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS
- (B) A SERVICE THAT PREVENTS A CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT FROM GOING BELOW ZERO BY AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDING A LOAN
- (C) A SERVICE WHERE BANKS PROVIDE A FIXED LINE OF CREDIT TO LARGE CORPORATIONS
- (D) A SERVICE FOR INSURING DEPOSITS IN CASE OF BANK INSOLVENCY

**ANSWER:** (B) A SERVICE THAT PREVENTS A CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT FROM GOING BELOW ZERO BY AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDING A LOAN

## 262. WHAT IS A 'BOND YIELD'?

(A) THE INTEREST RATE A BOND ISSUER PAYS TO BONDHOLDERS

- (B) THE TOTAL RETURN ON A BOND, INCLUDING INTEREST PAYMENTS AND CAPITAL GAINS
- (C) THE VALUE OF A BOND IN THE SECONDARY MARKET
- (D) THE AMOUNT OF CAPITAL A BANK INVESTS IN BONDS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE TOTAL RETURN ON A BOND, INCLUDING INTEREST PAYMENTS AND CAPITAL GAINS

## 263. WHAT DOES 'BASEL III' PRIMARILY REGULATE?

- (A) THE TRANSPARENCY OF CORPORATE FINANCIAL REPORTING
- (B) THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARDS FOR BANKS
- (C) THE REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES
- (D) THE OPERATION OF NON-BANKING FINANCIAL COMPANIES (NBFCS)

**ANSWER:** (B) THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARDS FOR BANKS

## 264. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A 'SECURED LOAN'?

- (A) A PERSONAL LOAN WITHOUT COLLATERAL
- (B) A LOAN SECURED BY COLLATERAL, SUCH AS A HOUSE OR CAR
- (C) A LOAN PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT
- (D) A LOAN GRANTED TO SMALL BUSINESSES WITHOUT ANY SECURITY

ANSWER: B) A LOAN SECURED BY COLLATERAL, SUCH AS A HOUSE OR CAR

265. WHAT IS 'MICROFINANCE'?

- (A) PROVIDING FINANCIAL SERVICES SUCH AS LOANS AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS TO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMES)
- (B) OFFERING LOANS TO LARGE CORPORATIONS WITH LOW INTEREST RATES
- (C) THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL BANKING
- (D) A TYPE OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT OFFERED TO HIGH-NET-WORTH INDIVIDUALS

**ANSWER:** (C) THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL BANKING

#### 266. WHAT IS 'CROWDFUNDING'?

- (A) A METHOD OF RAISING CAPITAL FROM A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, TYPICALLY VIA THE INTERNET
- (B) A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO FUND LARGE-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
- (C) A METHOD OF OBTAINING LOANS FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (D) A TECHNIQUE FOR BANKS TO ATTRACT LONG-TERM DEPOSITS

**ANSWER:** (A) A METHOD OF RAISING CAPITAL FROM A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, TYPICALLY VIA THE INTERNET

## 267. WHAT DOES 'CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIO' (CAR) MEASURE IN BANKING?

- (A) THE ABILITY OF A BANK TO GENERATE PROFITS
- (B) THE PROPORTION OF A BANK'S CAPITAL TO ITS RISK-WEIGHTED ASSETS

- (C) THE RATE AT WHICH A BANK ISSUES NEW LOANS
- (D) THE LEVEL OF LIQUIDITY AVAILABLE TO A BANK

**ANSWER:** (B) THE PROPORTION OF A BANK'S CAPITAL TO ITS RISK-WEIGHTED ASSETS

### 268. WHAT IS 'BANKRUPTCY'?

- (A) A LEGAL PROCEEDING WHERE A BANK REORGANIZES ITS OPERATIONS TO BECOME PROFITABLE
- (B) A STATE OF FINANCIAL FAILURE WHERE A BANK IS UNABLE TO MEET ITS DEBT OBLIGATIONS
- (C) A PROCESS WHERE A BANK RECEIVES LOANS FROM THE CENTRAL BANK
- (D) A SITUATION WHERE A BANK EARNS MORE THAN IT OWES IN DEBTS

**ANSWER:** (B) A STATE OF FINANCIAL FAILURE WHERE A BANK IS UNABLE TO MEET ITS DEBT OBLIGATIONS

# 269. WHAT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE 'FEDERAL RESERVE' IN THE UNITED STATES?

- (A) TO REGULATE AND SUPERVISE ALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE U.S.
- (B) TO MANAGE U.S. MONETARY POLICY, INCLUDING INTEREST RATES AND MONEY SUPPLY
- (C) TO LEND MONEY TO CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS
- (D) TO ISSUE LOANS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS AT HIGH INTEREST RATES

**ANSWER:** (B) TO MANAGE U.S. MONETARY POLICY, INCLUDING INTEREST RATES AND MONEY SUPPLY

# 270. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY RISK ASSOCIATED WITH 'FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADING'?

- (A) THE RISK OF A BORROWER DEFAULTING ON A LOAN
- (B) THE RISK OF CURRENCY VALUE FLUCTUATIONS DUE TO ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL EVENTS
- (C) THE RISK OF A BANK FAILING TO MEET LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENTS
- (D) THE RISK THAT A BANK'S CAPITAL RESERVES ARE INSUFFICIENT

**ANSWER:** (B) THE RISK OF CURRENCY VALUE FLUCTUATIONS DUE TO ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL EVENTS

## 271. WHAT IS 'NON-PERFORMING ASSET' (NPA) IN BANKING?

- (A) A LOAN THAT IS PAID OFF EARLY BY THE BORROWER
- (B) A LOAN THAT HAS BEEN FULLY REPAID
- (C) A LOAN OR ADVANCE FOR WHICH THE BORROWER HAS STOPPED MAKING PAYMENTS
- (D) A LOAN THAT HAS BEEN SOLD TO ANOTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

**ANSWER:** (C) A LOAN OR ADVANCE FOR WHICH THE BORROWER HAS STOPPED MAKING PAYMENTS

## 272. WHAT IS 'NET INTEREST MARGIN' (NIM)?

(A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE INTEREST A BANK EARNS ON LOANS AND THE INTEREST IT PAYS ON DEPOSITS

- (B) THE TOTAL INCOME OF A BANK AFTER DEDUCTING ALL OPERATING EXPENSES
- (C) THE TOTAL CAPITAL OF A BANK RELATIVE TO ITS ASSETS
- (D) THE RATIO OF A BANK'S TOTAL EQUITY TO ITS TOTAL LIABILITIES

**ANSWER:** (A) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE INTEREST A BANK EARNS ON LOANS AND THE INTEREST IT PAYS ON DEPOSITS

## 273. WHAT DOES 'PRIME RATE' REFER TO IN BANKING?

- (A) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED BY CENTRAL BANKS TO COMMERCIAL BANKS FOR OVERNIGHT LOANS
- (B) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED BY BANKS TO THEIR MOST CREDITWORTHY CUSTOMERS
- (C) THE INTEREST RATE ON GOVERNMENT BONDS
- (D) THE INTEREST RATE APPLIED TO ALL LOANS MADE BY BANKS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED BY BANKS TO THEIR MOST CREDITWORTHY CUSTOMERS

#### 274. WHAT IS THE FUNCTION OF 'MICROCREDIT' PROGRAMS?

- (A) TO PROVIDE LARGE LOANS TO CORPORATIONS
- (B) TO PROVIDE SMALL LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS OR ENTREPRENEURS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL BANKING SERVICES
- (C) TO REGULATE THE ACTIVITIES OF COMMERCIAL BANKS
- (D) TO OFFER LOANS WITH HIGH INTEREST RATES FOR WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS

**ANSWER:** (B) TO PROVIDE SMALL LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS OR ENTREPRENEURS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL BANKING SERVICES

### 275. WHAT IS THE 'TERM DEPOSIT' IN BANKING?

- (A) A DEPOSIT THAT IS WITHDRAWN BEFORE THE MATURITY DATE
- (B) A DEPOSIT THAT OFFERS A FIXED INTEREST RATE FOR A FIXED TERM, SUCH AS 6 MONTHS OR 1 YEAR
- (C) A DEPOSIT USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
- (D) A DEPOSIT WITH NO INTEREST, MEANT ONLY FOR SAFEKEEPING OF FUNDS

**ANSWER:** (B) A DEPOSIT THAT OFFERS A FIXED INTEREST RATE FOR A FIXED TERM, SUCH AS 6 MONTHS OR 1 YEAR

## 276. WHAT DOES 'ASSET-BACKED SECURITY' (ABS) MEAN?

- (A) A FINANCIAL SECURITY BACKED BY PHYSICAL ASSETS SUCH AS REAL ESTATE OR EQUIPMENT
- (B) A SECURITY ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO FUND NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
- (C) A TYPE OF BANK LOAN FOR PERSONAL USE
- (D) A FINANCIAL PRODUCT BACKED BY A POOL OF LOANS SUCH AS MORTGAGES, CREDIT CARD DEBTS, OR AUTO LOANS

**ANSWER:** (D) A FINANCIAL PRODUCT BACKED BY A POOL OF LOANS SUCH AS MORTGAGES, CREDIT CARD DEBTS, OR AUTO LOANS

277. WHAT IS 'CONSUMER PROTECTION' IN BANKING?

- (A) A REGULATION THAT PREVENTS CUSTOMERS FROM DEFAULTING ON THEIR LOANS
- (B) THE MEASURES PUT IN PLACE TO SAFEGUARD CUSTOMERS' RIGHTS AND PREVENT EXPLOITATION BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
- (C) A FINANCIAL PRODUCT THAT PROTECTS BANKS AGAINST LOSSES
- (D) A POLICY THAT LIMITS THE INTEREST RATES CHARGED BY BANKS

**ANSWER:** (B) THE MEASURES PUT IN PLACE TO SAFEGUARD CUSTOMERS' RIGHTS AND PREVENT EXPLOITATION BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

### 278. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE 'WORLD BANK'?

- (A) TO PROVIDE LOANS AND GRANTS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF LOW AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
- (B) TO REGULATE GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKETS
- (C) TO PROVIDE LOANS TO PRIVATE CORPORATIONS
- (D) TO SUPERVISE THE OPERATIONS OF ALL CENTRAL BANKS GLOBALLY

**ANSWER:** (A) TO PROVIDE LOANS AND GRANTS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF LOW AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

## 279. WHAT DOES 'CREDIT RISK' REFER TO IN BANKING?

- (A) THE RISK THAT A CUSTOMER WILL DEFAULT ON A LOAN OR DEBT OBLIGATION
- (B) THE RISK OF FLUCTUATING INTEREST RATES AFFECTING THE PROFITABILITY OF A BANK
- (C) THE RISK THAT THE VALUE OF A BANK'S INVESTMENTS WILL DECREASE

(D) THE RISK THAT A BANK'S ASSETS WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER LIABILITIES

**ANSWER:** (A) THE RISK THAT A CUSTOMER WILL DEFAULT ON A LOAN OR DEBT OBLIGATION

## 280. WHAT IS 'SYNDICATED LOAN'?

- (A) A LOAN PROVIDED BY A SINGLE BANK TO A LARGE CORPORATION
- (B) A LOAN THAT IS OFFERED TO A GROUP OF BORROWERS
- (C) A LOAN MADE BY A GROUP OF LENDERS WHO SHARE THE RISKS AND BENEFITS
- (D) A LOAN THAT IS GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT

**ANSWER:** (C) A LOAN MADE BY A GROUP OF LENDERS WHO SHARE THE RISKS AND BENEFITS

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