PAPER - 2 : STRATEGIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

(One paper - Three hours - 100 marks)

Objective:

To acquire the ability to apply financial management theories and techniques in strategic decision making.

Contents:

1. Financial Policy and Corporate Strategy

- (i) Strategic decision making framework
- (ii) Interface of Financial Policy and strategic management
- (iii) Balancing financial goals vis-à-vis sustainable growth.

2. Risk Management

- (i) Identification of types of Risk faced by an organisation
- (ii) Evaluation of Financial Risks
- (iii) Value at Risk (VAR)
- (iv) Evaluation of appropriate method for the identification and management of financial risk.

3. Security Analysis

- (i) Fundamental Analysis
- (ii) Technical Analysis
 - a) Meaning
 - b) Assumptions
 - c) Theories and Principles
 - d) Charting Techniques
 - e) Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH) Analysis

4. Security Valuation

- (i) Theory of Valuation
- (ii) Return Concepts
- (iii) Equity Risk Premium

- (iv) Required Return on Equity
- (v) Discount Rate Selection in Relation to Cash Flows
- (vi) Approaches to Valuation of Equity Shares
- (vii) Valuation of Preference Shares
- (viii) Valuation of Debentures/ Bonds

5. Portfolio Management

- (i) Portfolio Analysis
- (ii) Portfolio Selection
- (iii) Capital Market Theory
- (iv) Portfolio Revision
- (v) Portfolio Evaluation
- (vi) Asset Allocation
- (vii) Fixed Income Portfolio
- (viii) Risk Analysis of Investment in Distressed Securities
- (ix) Alternative Investment Strategies in context of Portfolio Management

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6. Securitization

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Concept and Definition
- (iii) Benefits of Securitization
- (iv) Participants in Securitization
- (v) Mechanism of Securitization
- (vi) Problems in Securitization
- (vii) Securitization Instruments
- (viii) Pricing of Securitization Instruments
- (ix) Securitization in India

7. Mutual Fund

(i) Meaning

- (ii) Evolution
- (iii) Types
- (iv) Advantages and Disadvantages of Mutual Funds

8. Derivatives Analysis and Valuation

- (i) Forward/ Future Contract
- (ii) Options
- (iii) Swaps
- (iv) Commodity Derivatives

9. Foreign Exchange Exposure and Risk Management

- (i) Exchange rate determination
- (ii) Foreign currency market
- (iii) Management of transaction, translation and economic exposures
- (iv) Hedging currency risk
- (v) Foreign exchange derivatives Forward, futures, options and swaps

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10. International Financial Management

- (i) International Capital Budgeting
- (ii) International Working Capital Management
 - a) Multinational Cash Management
 - Objectives of Effective Cash Management
 - Optimization of Cash Flows/ Needs
 - Investment of Surplus Cash
 - b) Multinational Receivable Management
 - c) Multinational Inventory Management

11. Interest Rate Risk Management

- (i) Interest Rate Risk
- (ii) Hedging Interest Rate Risk
 - a) Traditional Methods

b) Modern Methods including Interest Rate Derivatives

12. Corporate Valuation

- (i) Conceptual Framework of Valuation
- (ii) Approaches/ Methods of Valuation
 - a) Assets Based Valuation Model
 - b) Earning Based Models
 - c) Cash Flow Based Models
 - d) Measuring Cost of Equity
 - Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)
 - Arbitrage Pricing Theory
 - Estimating Beta of an unlisted company

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- e) Relative Valuation
 - Steps involved in Relative Valuation
 - Equity Valuation Multiples
 - Enterprise Valuation Multiple
- f) Other Approaches to Value Measurement
 - Economic Value Added (EVA)
 - Market Value Added (MVA)
 - Shareholder Value Analysis (SVA)
- g) Arriving at Fair Value

13. Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Restructuring

- (i) Conceptual Framework
- (ii) Rationale
- (iii) Forms
- (iv) Mergers and Acquisitions
 - a) Financial Framework
 - b) Takeover Defensive Tactics

- Reverse Merger c)
- (v) Divestitures
 - Partial Sell off a)
 - Demerger b)
 - c) Equity Carve outs
- (vi) Ownership Restructuring

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