

## Chapter 02

### Determinants of Interest Rates

#### True / False Questions

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You just bought a 15-year maturity Xerox corporate bond rated AA with a 0 percent coupon. You expect to sell the bond in eight years. Find the expected interest rate at the time of sale (watch out for rounding error).

- A.  
8.85 percent
- B.  
11.00 percent
- C.  
12.80 percent
- D.  
13.92 percent
- E.  
12.49 percent

28. According to the liquidity premium theory of interest rates,

- A.  
long-term spot rates are totally unrelated to expectations of future short-term rates.
- B.  
the term structure must always be upward sloping.
- C.  
investors prefer certain maturities and will not normally switch out of those maturities.
- D.  
long-term spot rates are higher than the average of current and expected future short-term rates.
- E.  
investors are indifferent between different maturities if the long-term spot rates are equal to the average of current and expected future short-term rates.

29. Of the following, the most likely effect of an increase in income tax rates would be to

- A.  
decrease the savings rate.
- B.  
decrease the supply of loanable funds.
- C.  
increase interest rates.
- D.  
All of the options.

30.

Upon graduating from college this year, you expect to earn \$25,000 per year. If you get your MBA, in one year you can expect to start at \$35,000 per year. Over the year, inflation is expected to be 5 percent. In today's dollars, how much additional (less) money will you make from getting your MBA (to the nearest dollar) in your first year?

- A. \$10,000
- B. \$8,750
- C. \$8,333
- D. -\$2,462
- E. \$9,524

31.

Investment A pays 8 percent simple interest for 10 years. Investment B pays 7.75 percent compound interest for 10 years. Both require an initial \$10,000 investment. The future value of A minus the future value of B is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (to the nearest penny).

- A. -\$3,094.67
- B. \$3,094.67
- C. \$1,643.32
- D. \$2,500.00
- E. -\$2,500.00

32.

You buy a car for \$38,000. You agree to a 60-month loan with a monthly interest rate of 0.55 percent. What is your required monthly payment?

A. \$634.24

B. \$745.29

C. \$605.54

D. \$764.07

E.

None of the options

33.

You want to have \$5 million when you retire in 40 years. You believe you can earn 9 percent per year on your investment. How much must you invest each year to achieve your goal when you retire? (Ignore all taxes.)

A. \$10,412

B. \$11,619

C. \$14,798

D. \$15,295

E.

None of the options

34.

An investor wants to be able to buy 4 percent more goods and services in the future in order to induce her to invest today. During the investment period prices are expected to rise by 2 percent. Which statement(s) below is/are true?

- I. 4 percent is the desired real risk-free interest rate.
- II. 6 percent is the approximate nominal rate of interest required.
- III. 2 percent is the expected inflation rate over the period.

- A. I only
- B. II only
- C. III only
- D. I and II only
- E. I, II, and III are true

35.

Classify each of the following in terms of their effect on interest rates (increase or decrease):

- I. Perceived risk of financial securities increases.
- II. Near term spending needs decrease.
- III. Future profitability of real investments increases.

- A. I increases, II increases, III increases
- B. I increases, II decreases, III decreases
- C. I decreases, II increases, III increases
- D. I decreases, II decreases, III decreases
- E. None of the options

36.

Classify each of the following in terms of their effect on interest rates (increase or decrease):

- I. Covenants on borrowing become more restrictive.
- II. The Federal Reserve increases the money supply.
- III. Total household wealth increases.

- A. I increases, II increases, III increases
- B. I increases, II decreases, III decreases
- C. I decreases, II increases, III increases
- D. I decreases, II decreases, III decreases
- E.  
None of the options

37. Inflation causes the demand curve for loanable funds to shift to the \_\_\_\_ and causes the supply curve to shift to the \_\_\_\_.

- A. left; right
- B. left; left
- C. right; left
- D. right; right

38.

An individual actually earned a 4 percent nominal return last year. Prices went up by 3 percent over the year. Given that the investment income was subject to a federal tax rate of 28 percent and a state and local tax rate of 6 percent, what was the investor's actual real after-tax rate of return?

A.

-0.36 percent

B.

0.66 percent

C.

2.64 percent

D.

0.72 percent

E.

1.45 percent

39.

A 15-payment annual annuity has its first payment in nine years. If the payment amount is \$1,400 and the interest rate is 7 percent, what is the most you should be willing to pay today for this investment?

A. \$6,416.67

B. \$12,751.08

C. \$6,935.74

D. \$5,825.11

E. \$7,421.24



40. Which of the following would normally be expected to result in an increase in the supply of funds, all else equal?

- I. The perceived riskiness of all investments decreases.
- II. Expected inflation increases.
- III. Current income and wealth levels increase.
- IV. Near term spending needs of households increase as energy costs rise.

- A. II and III only
- B. I and IV only
- C. I, II, III, and IV
- D. I and III only
- E. II, III, and IV only

41.

An investor requires a 3 percent increase in purchasing power in order to induce her to lend. She expects inflation to be 2 percent next year. The nominal rate she must charge is about

- A.  
1 percent.
- B.  
5 percent.
- C.  
2 percent.
- D.  
3 percent.
- E.  
7 percent.

42.

The term structure of interest rates is upward sloping for all bond types. A certain AAA rated non-callable 10-year corporate bond has been issued at a 6.15 percent promised yield. Which one of the following bonds probably has a higher promised yield?

A.

A similar quality municipal bond.

B.

A non-callable AAA rated corporate bond with a five-year maturity.

C.

A callable AAA rated corporate bond with a 15-year maturity.

D.

A non-callable AAA rated convertible corporate bond with a 10-year maturity.

E.

All of the options would have a higher promised yield.

43. Which of the following bond types pays interest that is exempt from federal taxation?

A. Municipal bonds

B. Corporate bonds

C. Treasury bonds

D. Convertible bonds

E.

Municipal bonds and Treasury bonds

44. The relationship between maturity and yield to maturity is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Fisher effect
- B. DRP structure
- C. bond indenture
- D. term structure
- E. loan covenant

45. According to the unbiased expectations theory,

- A.  
the term structure will most often be upward sloping.
- B.  
liquidity premiums are negative and time varying.
- C.  
the long-term spot rate is an average of the current and expected future short-term interest rates.
- D.  
markets are segmented and buyers stay in their own segment.
- E.  
forward rates are less than the expected future spot rates.

### Short Answer Questions

46. Suppose you borrow \$15,000 and then repay the loan by making 12 monthly payments of \$1,297.92 each. What rate will you be quoted on the loan?
47. What is the loanable funds theory of interest rates?
48. What is the difference between the expected real interest rate and the real risk-free interest rate actually earned?

49. Can the actual real rate of interest be negative? When? Can the expected real rate be negative?

50.

In October 1987 stock prices fell 22 percent in one day and bond rates fell also. Use the loanable funds theory to explain what happened.

51.

A foreign investor placing money in dollar-denominated assets desires a 4 percent real rate of return. Global inflation is running about 3 percent, and the dollar is expected to decline against her home currency by 1.5 percent over the investment period. What is her minimum required rate of return? Explain.

52. Would you expect the demand curve for businesses to be steeper than the demand curve for funds by the federal government? Explain.

53. Who are the major suppliers and demanders of funds in the United States and what is their typical position?

54. According to current projections, Social Security and other entitlement programs will soon be severely underfunded. If the government decides to cut Social Security benefits to future retirees and raise Social Security taxes on all workers, what will probably happen to the supply of funds available to the capital markets? What will be the effect on interest rates?

55.

The one-year spot rate is currently 4 percent; the one-year spot rate one year from now will be 3 percent; and the one-year spot rate two years from now will be 6 percent. Under the unbiased expectations theory, what must today's three-year spot rate be? Suppose the three-year spot rate is actually 3.75 percent, how could you take advantage of this? Explain.

56. Explain the logic of the liquidity premium theory of the term structure.

57. Explain the market segmentation theory of the term structure.



## Chapter 02 Determinants of Interest Rates Answer Key

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$$((1.0947^{10}/1.0885^6))^{(1/4)} - 1$$

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Blooms: Apply

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-08 Understand how forward rates of interest can be derived from the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Forecasting Interest Rates*

27.

YIELD CURVE FOR ZERO COUPON BONDS RATED AA

Maturity	YTM	Maturity	YTM	Maturity	YTM
1 year	8.00%	7 year	9.15%	13 year	10.45%
2 year	8.11%	8 year	9.25%	14 year	10.65%
3 year	8.20%	9 year	9.35%	15 year	10.75%
4 year	8.50%	10 year	9.47%	16 year	10.95%
5 year	8.75%	11 year	9.52%	17 year	11.00%
6 year	8.85%	12 year	9.77%	18 year	11.25%

Assume that there are no liquidity premiums.

You just bought a 15-year maturity Xerox corporate bond rated AA with a 0 percent coupon. You expect to sell the bond in eight years. Find the expected interest rate at the time of sale (watch out for rounding error).

- A.  
8.85 percent
- B.  
11.00 percent
- C.  
12.80 percent
- D.  
13.92 percent
- E.  
12.49 percent

$$((1.1075^{15}/1.0925^8))^{(1/7)} - 1$$

AACSB: Analytic

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-08 Understand how forward rates of interest can be derived from the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Forecasting Interest Rates*

28. According to the liquidity premium theory of interest rates,
- A. long-term spot rates are totally unrelated to expectations of future short-term rates.
  - B. the term structure must always be upward sloping.
  - C. investors prefer certain maturities and will not normally switch out of those maturities.
  - D. long-term spot rates are higher than the average of current and expected future short-term rates.
  - E. investors are indifferent between different maturities if the long-term spot rates are equal to the average of current and expected future short-term rates.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-07 Examine the different theories explaining the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Term Structure of Interest Rates*



29. Of the following, the most likely effect of an increase in income tax rates would be to

- A.  
decrease the savings rate.
- B.  
decrease the supply of loanable funds.
- C.  
increase interest rates.
- D.  
All of the options.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-04 Examine factors that cause the supply and demand curves for loanable funds to shift.*

*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

30.

Upon graduating from college this year, you expect to earn \$25,000 per year. If you get your MBA, in one year you can expect to start at \$35,000 per year. Over the year, inflation is expected to be 5 percent. In today's dollars, how much additional (less) money will you make from getting your MBA (to the nearest dollar) in your first year?

- A. \$10,000
- B. \$8,750
- C. \$8,333
- D. -\$2,462
- E. \$9,524

$$(35,000/1.05) - 25,000$$

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-09 Understand how interest rates are used to determine present and future values.*

*Topic: Time Value of Money and Interest Rates*

31.

Investment A pays 8 percent simple interest for 10 years. Investment B pays 7.75 percent compound interest for 10 years. Both require an initial \$10,000 investment. The future value of A minus the future value of B is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (to the nearest penny).

A. -\$3,094.67

B. \$3,094.67

C. \$1,643.32

D. \$2,500.00

E. -\$2,500.00

$$[10000 + (800 \times 10)] - [10000 \times 1.0775^{10}]$$

*AACSB: Analytic*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-09 Understand how interest rates are used to determine present and future values.*

*Topic: Time Value of Money and Interest Rates*

32.

You buy a car for \$38,000. You agree to a 60-month loan with a monthly interest rate of 0.55 percent. What is your required monthly payment?

- A. \$634.24
- B.** \$745.29
- C. \$605.54
- D. \$764.07
- E.  
None of the options

$$\text{Pmt} = 38,000 / \text{PVIFA} (i = 0.55\%, n = 60)$$

*AACSB: Analytic*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-09 Understand how interest rates are used to determine present and future values.*

*Topic: Time Value of Money and Interest Rates*

33.

You want to have \$5 million when you retire in 40 years. You believe you can earn 9 percent per year on your investment. How much must you invest each year to achieve your goal when you retire? (Ignore all taxes.)

- A. \$10,412
- B. \$11,619
- C. \$14,798
- D. \$15,295
- E.  
None of the options

$$\text{\$5 million}/[(1.09)^{40} - 1]/0.09]$$

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-09 Understand how interest rates are used to determine present and future values.*

*Topic: Time Value of Money and Interest Rates*

34.

An investor wants to be able to buy 4 percent more goods and services in the future in order to induce her to invest today. During the investment period prices are expected to rise by 2 percent. Which statement(s) below is/are true?

- I. 4 percent is the desired real risk-free interest rate.
- II. 6 percent is the approximate nominal rate of interest required.
- III. 2 percent is the expected inflation rate over the period.

- A. I only
- B. II only
- C. III only
- D. I and II only
- E. I, II, and III are true

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-06 Know what specific factors determine interest rates.*

*Topic: Determinants of Interest Rates for Individual Securities*

35.

Classify each of the following in terms of their effect on interest rates (increase or decrease):

- I. Perceived risk of financial securities increases.
- II. Near term spending needs decrease.
- III. Future profitability of real investments increases.

- A. I increases, II increases, III increases
- B. I increases, II decreases, III decreases
- C. I decreases, II increases, III increases
- D. I decreases, II decreases, III decreases

E.  
None of the options

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-02 Know who the main demanders of loanable funds are.*

*Learning Goal: 02-03 Understand how equilibrium interest rates are determined.*

*Learning Goal: 02-04 Examine factors that cause the supply and demand curves for loanable funds to shift.*

*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

36.

Classify each of the following in terms of their effect on interest rates (increase or decrease):

- I. Covenants on borrowing become more restrictive.
- II. The Federal Reserve increases the money supply.
- III. Total household wealth increases.

- A. I increases, II increases, III increases
- B. I increases, II decreases, III decreases
- C. I decreases, II increases, III increases
- D. I decreases, II decreases, III decreases
- E. None of the options

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-01 Know who the main suppliers of loanable funds are.*

*Learning Goal: 02-02 Know who the main demanders of loanable funds are.*

*Learning Goal: 02-03 Understand how equilibrium interest rates are determined.*

*Learning Goal: 02-04 Examine factors that cause the supply and demand curves for loanable funds to shift.*

*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

37. Inflation causes the demand curve for loanable funds to shift to the \_\_\_\_ and causes the supply curve to shift to the \_\_\_\_.

- A. left; right
- B. left; left
- C. right; left
- D. right; right

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*



*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-01 Know who the main suppliers of loanable funds are.*

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*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

38.

An individual actually earned a 4 percent nominal return last year. Prices went up by 3 percent over the year. Given that the investment income was subject to a federal tax rate of 28 percent and a state and local tax rate of 6 percent, what was the investor's actual real after-tax rate of return?

A.

-0.36 percent

B.

0.66 percent

C.

2.64 percent

D.

0.72 percent

E.

1.45 percent

$$\{0.04 * [1 - (0.28 + 0.06)]\} - 0.03$$

*AACSB: Analytic*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Hard*

39.

A 15-payment annual annuity has its first payment in nine years. If the payment amount is \$1,400 and the interest rate is 7 percent, what is the most you should be willing to pay today for this investment?

A. \$6,416.67

B. \$12,751.08

C. \$6,935.74

D. \$5,825.11

E. \$7,421.24

$$PV_0 = \$1,400 * \{[1 - 1.07^{-15}]/0.07\}/1.07^8$$

*AACSB: Analytic*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-09 Understand how interest rates are used to determine present and future values.*

*Topic: Time Value of Money and Interest Rates*

40. Which of the following would normally be expected to result in an increase in the supply of funds, all else equal?

- I. The perceived riskiness of all investments decreases.
- II. Expected inflation increases.
- III. Current income and wealth levels increase.
- IV. Near term spending needs of households increase as energy costs rise.

- A. II and III only
- B. I and IV only
- C. I, II, III, and IV
- D. I and III only
- E. II, III, and IV only

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-01 Know who the main suppliers of loanable funds are.*

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*Learning Goal: 02-04 Examine factors that cause the supply and demand curves for loanable funds to shift.*

*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

41.

An investor requires a 3 percent increase in purchasing power in order to induce her to lend. She expects inflation to be 2 percent next year. The nominal rate she must charge is about

A.  
1 percent.

**B.**  
5 percent.

C.  
2 percent.

D.  
3 percent.

E.  
7 percent.

*AACSB: Analytic*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-06 Know what specific factors determine interest rates.*

*Topic: Determinants of Interest Rates for Individual Securities*

42.

The term structure of interest rates is upward sloping for all bond types. A certain AAA rated non-callable 10-year corporate bond has been issued at a 6.15 percent promised yield. Which one of the following bonds probably has a higher promised yield?

- A.  
A similar quality municipal bond.
- B.  
A non-callable AAA rated corporate bond with a five-year maturity.
- C.  
A callable AAA rated corporate bond with a 15-year maturity.
- D.  
A non-callable AAA rated convertible corporate bond with a 10-year maturity.
- E.  
All of the options would have a higher promised yield.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Hard*

*Learning Goal: 02-07 Examine the different theories explaining the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Term Structure of Interest Rates*

43. Which of the following bond types pays interest that is exempt from federal taxation?

- A. Municipal bonds
- B. Corporate bonds
- C. Treasury bonds
- D. Convertible bonds
- E. Municipal bonds and Treasury bonds

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Remember*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-06 Know what specific factors determine interest rates.*

*Topic: Determinants of Interest Rates for Individual Securities*

44. The relationship between maturity and yield to maturity is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Fisher effect
- B. DRP structure
- C. bond indenture
- D. term structure
- E. loan covenant

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Remember*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-06 Know what specific factors determine interest rates.*

*Topic: Determinants of Interest Rates for Individual Securities*

45. According to the unbiased expectations theory,
- A. the term structure will most often be upward sloping.
  - B. liquidity premiums are negative and time varying.
  - C. the long-term spot rate is an average of the current and expected future short-term interest rates.
  - D. markets are segmented and buyers stay in their own segment.
  - E. forward rates are less than the expected future spot rates.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Remember*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-07 Examine the different theories explaining the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Term Structure of Interest Rates*

## Short Answer Questions

46.

Suppose you borrow \$15,000 and then repay the loan by making 12 monthly payments of \$1,297.92 each. What rate will you be quoted on the loan?

The interest rate is the solution to the following:

$$PV = PMT * [(1 - (1+r)^{-N})/r] \text{ or } \$15,000 = \$1,297.92 * [(1 - (1+r)^{-12})/r]$$

$$r = 0.5836\% \text{ per month}$$

*AACSB: Analytic*

*Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-09 Understand how interest rates are used to determine present and future values.*

*Topic: Time Value of Money and Interest Rates*

47. What is the loanable funds theory of interest rates?

The level of interest rates in the economy is set by economic agents' willingness to make funds available to capital markets and borrowers' demand for funds in the capital markets at various interest rates. The interest rate where the supply of funds matches demand for funds is the equilibrium interest rate.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-07 Examine the different theories explaining the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Term Structure of Interest Rates*



48.

What is the difference between the expected real interest rate and the real risk-free interest rate actually earned?

The expected real rate of interest is the nominal rate minus the expected inflation rate. The actual (or realized) real rate is the nominal rate of interest (absent default) minus the actual rate of inflation.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-06 Know what specific factors determine interest rates.*

*Topic: Determinants of Interest Rates for Individual Securities*

49. Can the actual real rate of interest be negative? When? Can the expected real rate be negative?

The actual real rate can be negative when actual inflation is greater than the nominal rate of interest. The expected real rate normally must be positive because investors build into the nominal rate a premium for expected inflation. However, recently in Japan, expected real rates have been negative on bank accounts and have still attracted funds. Investors in this case are willing to pay a (small) storage premium to banks for the convenience and safe keeping that bank accounts provide.

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Evaluate*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-06 Know what specific factors determine interest rates.*

*Topic: Determinants of Interest Rates for Individual Securities*

50.

In October 1987 stock prices fell 22 percent in one day and bond rates fell also. Use the loanable funds theory to explain what happened.

The worsening of perceived future economic conditions and a likely increase in risk premiums on equities caused a so-called "flight to quality." Reduced supply of funds in stock markets caused falling prices and, as the money moved into bonds, the increased supply of funds available for borrowing pushed bond rates down.

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Evaluate*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-01 Know who the main suppliers of loanable funds are.*

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*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

51.

A foreign investor placing money in dollar-denominated assets desires a 4 percent real rate of return. Global inflation is running about 3 percent, and the dollar is expected to decline against her home currency by 1.5 percent over the investment period. What is her minimum required rate of return? Explain.

Approximately  $4\% + 3\% + 1.5\% = 8.5\%$

She would have to earn an additional 3 percent to cover the rising cost of goods and services and an additional 1.5 percent to cover the loss in value of her dollars, since the dollars she will get back will buy fewer units of her home currency. All this is needed in order to preserve a 4 percent increase in real purchasing power in her home country.

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Blooms: Evaluate*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-06 Know what specific factors determine interest rates.*

*Topic: Determinants of Interest Rates for Individual Securities*

52. Would you expect the demand curve for businesses to be steeper than the demand curve for funds by the federal government? Explain.

Because businesses have a profit motive and the federal government does not, we would expect business demand for funds to be more sensitive to the interest rate than the federal government demand. Hence, the demand for funds by businesses would exhibit a flatter curve (more elastic) than the demand by the government (less elastic).

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Evaluate*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-02 Know who the main demanders of loanable funds are.*

*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

53. Who are the major suppliers and demanders of funds in the United States and what is their typical position?

Households; net suppliers

Business; demander

Government; demander

Foreign; suppliers and demanders

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-01 Know who the main suppliers of loanable funds are.*

*Learning Goal: 02-02 Know who the main demanders of loanable funds are.*

*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

54. According to current projections, Social Security and other entitlement programs will soon be severely underfunded. If the government decides to cut Social Security benefits to future retirees and raise Social Security taxes on all workers, what will probably happen to the supply of funds available to the capital markets? What will be the effect on interest rates?

Cutting future benefits should encourage additional savings by the working public to fund their retirement. This should lead to an increase in the supply of funds available. Raising taxes on the other hand may curtail savings because of the reduction of income. This would reduce the supply of funds available. The net effect on interest rates is indeterminate.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Create*

*Blooms: Evaluate*

*Difficulty: Easy*

*Learning Goal: 02-01 Know who the main suppliers of loanable funds are.*

*Learning Goal: 02-03 Understand how equilibrium interest rates are determined.*

*Learning Goal: 02-04 Examine factors that cause the supply and demand curves for loanable funds to shift.*

*Topic: Loanable Funds Theory*

55.

The one-year spot rate is currently 4 percent; the one-year spot rate one year from now will be 3 percent; and the one-year spot rate two years from now will be 6 percent. Under the unbiased expectations theory, what must today's three-year spot rate be? Suppose the three-year spot rate is actually 3.75 percent, how could you take advantage of this? Explain.

Under the unbiased expectations theory, the three-year spot rate should equal the geometric average of the three one-year rates to prevent arbitrage  $[(1.04 \times 1.03 \times 1.06)^{1/3} - 1] = 4.3259\%$ . If the three-year spot is actually 3.75 percent, one should borrow any given amount, say \$1,000, for the full three years at the three-year rate of 3.75 percent and simultaneously invest the money for one year at 4 percent, and then roll the investment over in one year and earn 3 percent in the second year and then finally roll the investment over one final time and earn 6 percent in year three. Your average annual investment return is 4.3259 percent and the annual borrowing rate is 3.75 percent. You net the difference without using any of your own money.

*AACSB: Analytic*

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Analyze*

*Blooms: Apply*

*Blooms: Evaluate*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-07 Examine the different theories explaining the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Term Structure of Interest Rates*

56. Explain the logic of the liquidity premium theory of the term structure.

Securities with different maturities are not perfect substitutes so the unbiased expectations theory does not strictly hold. In particular, there is a preference for shorter-term holdings. Thus, to induce investors to invest long-term, a premium interest rate over what could be earned by investing short-term and rolling the investment over must be offered.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-07 Examine the different theories explaining the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Term Structure of Interest Rates*

57. Explain the market segmentation theory of the term structure.

This argument is actually a more extreme version of the liquidity premium argument. Not only are different maturity securities not perfect substitutes, broadly speaking they are not substitutes at all, and one cannot imply that supply and demand conditions in one maturity segment affect supply and demand conditions in another segment. Banks are usually hypothesized as short-term investors and pension funds and life insurers are cast in the role of long-term investors. Both are myopic in that they ignore yields outside of their normal sector. No explanation of why other less myopic investors do not enter the market to exploit un-arbitraged advantages among rate differentials is put forth. Presumably, in innovative capital markets, participants would not leave profit opportunities unexploited.

*AACSB: Reflective Thinking*

*Blooms: Understand*

*Difficulty: Medium*

*Learning Goal: 02-07 Examine the different theories explaining the term structure of interest rates.*

*Topic: Term Structure of Interest Rates*