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CHAPTER 2: STRUCTURE OF OPTIONS MARKETS

MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST QUESTIONS

- 1. Options are traded on which of the following exchanges?
 - a. NYSE Amex
 - b. NYSE Euronext (Arca)
 - c. Chicago Board Options Exchange
 - d. International Securities Exchange
 - e. all of the above
- 2. A call option priced at \$2 with a stock price of \$30 and an exercise price of \$35 allows the holder to buy the stock at
 - a. \$2
 - b. \$32
 - c. \$33
 - d. \$35
 - e. none of the above
- 3. A put option in which the stock price is \$60 and the exercise price is \$65 is said to be
 - a. in-the-money
 - b. out-of-the-money
 - c. at-the-money
 - d. exercisable
 - e. none of the above
- 4. Organized options markets are different from over-the-counter options markets for all of the following reasons except
 - a. exercise terms
 - b. physical trading floor
 - c. regulation
 - d. standardized contracts
 - e. credit risk
- 5. The number of options acquired when one contract is purchased on an exchange is
 - a. 1
 - b. 5
 - c. 100
 - d. 500
 - e. 8,000
- 6. The advantages of the over-the-counter options market include all of the following except
 - a. customized contracts
 - b. privately executed
 - c. freedom from government regulation
 - d. lower prices
 - e. none of the above

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- 7. Which one of the following is not a type of transaction cost in options trading?
 - a. the bid-ask spread
 - b. the commission
 - c. clearing fees
 - d. the cost of obtaining a quote
 - e. all of the above

8. If the market maker will buy at 4 and sell at 4.50, the bid-ask spread is

- a. 8.50
- b. 4.25
- c. 0.50
- d. 4.00
- e. none of the above
- 9. Which of the following is a legitimate type of option order on the exchange?
 - a. purchase order
 - b. limit order
 - c. execution order
 - d. floor order
 - e. all of the above
- 10. The exercise price can be set at any desired level on each of the following types of options *except*
 - a. FLEX options
 - b. equity options
 - c. over-the-counter options
 - d. all of the above
 - e. none of the above
- 11. An investor who owns a call option can close out the position by any of the following types of transactions *except*
 - a. exercise
 - b. offset
 - c. expiring out-of-the-money
 - d. buying a put
 - e. none of the above
- 12. Which type of trader legitimately practices dual trading?
 - a. floor brokers
 - b. off–floor option traders
 - c. board brokers
 - d. designated primary market makers
 - e. none of the above
- 13. The option price is also referred to as the
 - a. strike
 - b. spread
 - c. premium
 - d. fee
 - e. none of the above

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- 14. Index options trading on organized exchanges expire according to which of the following cycles?
 - a. March, June, September, and December
 - b. each of the next four consecutive months
 - c. the current month, the next month, and the next two months in one of the other cycles
 - d. every other month for each of the next nine months
 - e. none of the above
- 15. An investor who exercises a call option on an index must
 - a. accept the cash difference between the index and the exercise price
 - b. purchase all of the stocks in the index in their appropriate proportions from the writer
 - c. immediately buy a put option to offset the call option
 - d. immediately write another call option to offset
 - e. none of the above
- 16. Which of the following are long-term options?
 - a. Bond options
 - b. LEAPS
 - c. currency options
 - d. Nikkei put warrants
 - e. none of the above
- 17. The exchange with the largest share of the options market is the
 - a. American Stock Exchange
 - b. Boston Options Exchange
 - c. Chicago Board Options Exchange
 - d. Pacific Stock Exchange
 - e. Philadelphia Stock Exchange
- 18. A writer selected to exercise an option is said to be
 - a. marginal
 - b. assigned
 - c. restricted
 - d. designated
 - e. none of the above
- 19. All of the following are forms of options *except*
 - a. convertible bonds
 - b. callable bonds
 - c. warrants
 - d. mutual funds
 - e. none of the above
- 20. Which of the following index options is the most widely traded?
 - a. S&P 500
 - b. Nikkei 225
 - c. Technology Index
 - d. New York Stock Exchange Index
 - e. none of the above

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- 21. In which city did organized option markets originate?
 - a. New York
 - b. Chicago
 - c. Philadelphia
 - d. San Francisco
 - e. none of the above
- 22. Who determines whether options on a company's stock will be listed?
 - a. the clearing house
 - b. Securities Exchange Commission
 - c. the company
 - d. the exchange
 - e. none of the above
- 23. An order that specifies a maximum price to pay if buying is a
 - a. stop order
 - b. market order
 - c. limit order
 - d. all or none order
 - e. none of the above
- 24. What amount must a call writer pay if a cash–settled index call is exercised?
 - a. difference between the index level and the exercise price
 - b. exercise price
 - c. difference between the exercise price and the index level
 - d. index level
 - e. none of the above
- 25. Option traders incur which of the following types of costs?
 - a. margin requirements
 - b. taxes
 - c. stock trading commissions
 - d. a and b
 - e. a, b and c
- 26. The total number of long option contracts outstanding at any given time is called the
 - a. market cap
 - b. sum options outstanding (SOO)
 - c. option wealth outstanding (OWO)
 - d. open interest
 - e. none of the above
- 27. "Wal-Mart calls" are an example of
 - a. an option series
 - b. an option class
 - c. an option grade
 - d. a and b
 - e. none of the above
- 28. This individual maintains and attempts to fill public option orders but does not disclose them to others.a. liquidity provider

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- b. board broker
- c. order book official
- d. registered option trader
- e. none of the above
- 29. What intermediary guarantees an option writer's performance?
 - a. credit worthiness rating company
 - b. brokerage
 - c. good-till-canceled order
 - d. clearinghouse
 - e. none of the above
- 30. Suppose you hold a call option. The stock price has recently been increasing-making your call option more valuable. Through what process might you take advantage of the liquid nature of the options market?
 - a. offsetting order
 - b. contract reconciliation
 - c. mark to market order
 - d. settling up
 - e. none of the above

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TRUE/FALSE TEST QUESTIONS

Т	F	1.	The exercise price is also called the striking price.	
Т	F	2.	The Put and Call Brokers and Dealers Association created the first organized option exchange.	15
Т	F	3.	An out-of-the-money call option has an exercise price less than the stock price.	
Т	F	4.	A put option increases in value when the stock price decreases.	
Т	F	5.	All of the options on Microsoft comprise an option class.	
Т	F	6.	The AT&T October puts are an option series.	
Т	F	7.	Exercise prices are set in \$5 increments for options on exchanges.	
Т	F	8.	The over-the-counter options market is much larger than the exchange-listed option market.	15
Т	F	9.	Exchange-listed options expire on the Saturday following the third Friday of the month.	
Т	F	10.	Position limits are restrictions on the number of transactions an investor can execute on given day.	a
Т	F	11.	Exercise limits are restrictions on the number of options that can be exercised by a investor in a given day or series of days.	n
Т	F	12.	A market maker is an options trader who buys and sells options off of the exchange floor	•
Т	F	13.	The bid price is the price paid to buy an option from a market maker.	
Т	F	14.	Options traders who hold their positions for very short periods of time are called positic traders.	n
Т	F	15.	An order placed by an investor for the broker to buy an option at the best available pricis called a market order.	e
Т	F	16.	The number of option contracts outstanding at any given time is called the open interest.	
Т	F	17.	Most investors close their positions by exercising their options.	
Т	F	18.	Over-the-counter options are not subject to default.	
Т	F	19.	Indices measuring options market activity are simple to construct and widely quoted.	
Т	F	20.	The spread between the bid price and the ask price is a transaction cost to the optio trader.	n
Т	F	21.	The options market is regulated by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.	
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Т	F	22.	Index options have less volume than stock options.
Т	F	23.	The Options Clearing Corporation guarantees the obligations of traders on options exchanges.
Т	F	24.	Offsetting an over-the-counter option contract cancels both contracts.
Т	F	25.	The order book official executes limit order option trades for the general public.
Т	F	26.	CBOE option market makers are also called liquidity providers.
Т	F	27.	Over-the-counter options dealers do not have to be members of an options exchange.
Т	F	28.	A market maker always avoids the cost of the bid-ask spread.
Т	F	29.	The majority of options exchanges in the U.S. are fully automated.
Т	F	30.	Option commissions are set by the Chicago Board Options Exchange.
Т	F	31.	On the CBOE, option tables represent each option with a series of letters and number, such as, MSFT $12B1720.0$. The last number represents the calendar date, the 20 th of the month in this example.
Т	F	32.	Again, on the CBOE, option tables represent each option with a series of letters and number, such as, MSFT $12B1720.0$. The middle letter represents the calendar month and whether it is a call or put.
Т	F	33.	An investor who is long an over-the-counter call option is exposed to the risk that the call writer will default on her obligations should the call option end up in-the-money.
Т	F	34.	Exercising a stock put option means the put seller must sell stock at the stated strike price.
Т	F	35.	A call option to buy euros expressed in \mathcal{F} is equivalent to a put option to sell dollars expressed in \mathcal{F} .