

Paper 8

Examination for Additional Product: Funds

(for Debt Instrument Investment Consultant,

Equity Investment Consultant or Derivatives Investment Consultant)

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Examination type: Multiple choice (4 choices)

Number of questions: 40

Duration: 1 hour

Passing criteria: 70% overall

Topics	No. of Questions
Section 3 Products Knowledge and Rules and Regulations for Dealing in	
Securities (Mutual Funds and Investment Units Only)	<u>40</u>
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Products Knowledge and Rules and Regulations for Dealing in Securities (Mutual Funds and Investment Units Only)

3.1: Mutual Funds and Investment Units

1. Mutual Funds and Investment Units

Learning Objective Statement:

- 1. To understand the definition of mutual fund and explain its business operation
- 2. To understand and explain the pros and cons of investment in mutual funds
- To understand the roles and importance of people involved in mutual funds management
- 4. To understand and explain the rules, constraints, and limitations of investment in different types of mutual funds
- 5. To understand the characteristics and expenses of mutual fund investment
- 6. To understand and classify types of mutual funds based on 1) expenses incurred in purchasing investment units 2) procedures in selling investment units 3) investment policies and 4) sources of capital and investment
- 7. To understand general details of mutual funds and the effects on its NAV
- 8. To understand the concepts of determining net asset value (NAV)
- To explain the tax deduction benefits of mutual funds based on a customer's tax bracket
- 10. To understand and explain the risks and returns of mutual fund investment
- To understand the factors, procedures, and strategies relating to mutual fund investment
- 12. To provide advice on mutual fund investment that takes the investment objectives, risk tolerance, and investment constraints of a given client into consideration
- 13. To understand and explain investment policies in retirement mutual funds (RMFs) and long-term equity funds (LTFs)
- To understand and explain investment conditions and tax benefits from RMFs and LTFs
- 15. To advise on RMF and LTF investment, including their pros and cons, and cautions for each investor type

- 16. To be able to compare RMF to LTF investment
- 17. To understand the definitions, objectives, and status of provident funds and their policies and regulations
- 18. To understand and explain returns and tax benefits of provident funds
- 19. To understand and explain investment policies of provident funds
- 20. To understand pros and cons of provident funds
- 21. To understand and explain the definition of private fund and its investment structure
- 22. To understand and explain the pros and cons of private funds
- 23. To understand and explain the returns and tax benefits of private funds
- 24. To understand characteristics of hedge funds
- 25. To understand difference between hedge and mutual funds
- 26. To understand investment strategies of hedge fund and their risks
- 27. To know and understand types and structures of exchange-traded funds (ETFs)
- 28. To understand characteristics of risk and return of ETFs
- 29. To understand when using an ETF is appropriate
- 30. To understand and explain the characteristics and formats of property fund investment
- 31. To understand policies, types and constraints of property funds
- 32. To understand characteristics of risk and return of investment in property funds
- 33. To be able to identify types of clients for whom investing in property funds would be appropriate
- 34. To understand characteristics and formats of gold fund investment
- 35. To understand characteristics of risk and return of gold funds
- 36. To understand investment analysis approaches in gold funds
- 37. To understand the importance of measurement and evaluation in operating mutual funds
- 38. To understand and explain measurement and evaluation procedures in operating mutual funds
- 39. To understand and explain importance of measurement and evaluation of mutual fund operation using risk-adjusted return
- 40. To calculate, measures, evaluate the operation of mutual funds using Sharpe's ratio, Treynor's ratio, Jensen measure, and information ratio

3.2: Rules and Regulations for Dealing in Securities (Mutual Funds and Investment Units Only)

- Rules and regulations Governing Mutual Fund Trading Learning Objective Statement:
 - 1. To understand and describe mutual fund investment procedures
 - 2. To understand investment unit bid and offer prices
 - 3. To understand the rules, conditions and limitations of investing in mutual funds issued by different regulators
 - To understand the standard measurements used for evaluating performance under different mutual fund investment policies based on Association of Asset Management Companies criteria
 - 5. To understand the expenses related to mutual fund operations
 - 6. To understand the rules, conditions, setup procedures and management of mutual funds
