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MBA THEORY EXAMINATION (SEM–IV) 2016-17 BEHAVIOURAL FINANCE

Time: 3 Hours

Note : Be precise in your answer. In case of numerical problem assume data wherever not provided.

[SECTION – A]

1 Explain the following.

- (a) What is cognitive dissonance?
- (b) What is mental accounting?
- (c) What is the Ellsberg Paradox?
- (d) What is the Efficient Market Hypothesis?
- (e) Define expected utility.
- (f) Explain the disposition effect?
- (g) What is fundamental risk?
- (h) What is hindsight bias and how does it affect investor behaviour?
- (i) Discuss any two types of arbitrage.
- (j) What are Geomagnetic storms?

[SECTION - B]

2 Attempt any five questions from this section.

- a. Discuss the prospect theory given by Kahneman and Tversky. What are its implications regarding the financial behaviour of investors?
- **b.** 'If financial markets are efficient there should be no opportunity for arbitrage, but arbitrage is important for bringing efficiency to markets'. Discuss this statement.
- c. What is an anomaly? Discuss the various financial market anomalies.
- **d.** What is rationality? How is rationality from an economic perspective different from an evolutionary perspective?
- e. Who is an investor? Discuss their types. What are the characteristics of successful investors?
- f. What is behavioural corporate finance? Discuss the empirical data on the effect of dividend presence or absence on behavioural corporate finance.
- g. What is the effect of external factors on the decision making of an investor?
- **h.** What is herding behaviour? Discuss whether herding behaviour in the financial markets is rational.

[SECTION – C]

Attempt any two questions.

- 3. "Bubbles are created because of investor rationality". Discuss three bubbles in financial history with their reasons and outcomes.
- 4. 'Financial decision-making is related to investor emotions'. Discuss this statement in detail.
- 5. Discuss the reasons behind the evolution of behavioural finance. What are the major milestones in the development of the discipline of Behavioural Finance?

[2x10=20]

10x5=50]

[15x2=30]

Max. Marks : 100

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