

Examination on Dealing Rules and Regulations: Securities (Excluding Derivatives)

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Passing criteria: 70% overall, including 70% from Module 2

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Paper 18: Examination on Dealing Rules and Regulations: Securities (Excluding Derivatives) Section 2 Core Rules and Regulations and Investment Suitability

Rules Governing Conducting Securities Business and Operations of Officers Learning Objective Statement:

- To understand why the Securities and Exchange Commission regulates and supervises securities companies
- To understand the importance of protecting against conflicts of interest and be able to identify procedures to prevent such conflicts between securities companies, their staff, and clients
- 3. To understand and identify differences between watch lists and restricted lists
- 4. To understand the principles involved in taking care of client assets
- 5. To understand the role and importance of the compliance unit in a securities company
- To understand the practices and regulations governing operations of officers of a securities firm and know the differences between the role of the front and back offices
- 7. To understand the regulations governing the taking of client complaints
- To understand the rules and duties of securities officers and be able to apply them in contacting, persuading , and advising customers
- To understand the purpose of customer database preparation and be able to implement such preparation
- 10. To understand the purpose of investor manuals and be able to identify their components
- 11. To describe the code of ethics that officers must follow in carrying out their duties

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- 12. To identify the characteristics that would prohibit a person from becoming a securities officer, forbidden procedures for such an officer, and penalties for having such characteristics or carrying out such procedures
- 13. To understand purposes and benefits of arbitration
- 14. To provide clear examples of disputes that can go to arbitration
- 15. To understand arbitration procedures and arrival of verdicts
- Regulations Relating to Unfair Actions in Securities Trading and Protection against Money laundering

Learning Objective Statement:

- To understand the definition of unfair actions according to the Securities and Exchange Act and be able to apply measures to prevent any unfair actions
- To understand and be able to distinguish the differences between spreading false news, illegally using internal information, and concealing acts in trading securities with intent to defraud
- To understand criteria and procedures in transaction reporting for financial institutions as well as identify the basic illegal acts covered by the Anti-Money Laundering Act
- 4. To understand the objectives behind regulations seeking information on the parties involved in and purposes of large transactions through financial institutions, and apply these regulations

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3. Rules and Regulations on Issuing and Offering Securities

Learning Objective Statement:

- 1. To understand and explain the rules and procedures on offering securities
- To understand and explain the rules, conditions and procedures for distributing securities
- 3. To understand and apply the rules and procedures for securities bidding
- 4. To understand the rules and criteria for setting up mutual funds and describe characteristics of each type of mutual fund
- 5. To understand the procedures of offering security units
- 6. To understand the purposes of determining investment ratios
- 7. To understand the key components that must be stated in project descriptions
- 8. To understand the purpose of preparing prospectus and be able to define key components therein
- To understand the objectives of NAV calculation and the NAV calculation formula for disclosure to investors

4. Investment Suitability

Learning Objective Statement:

- 1. Understand the definition, the importance, and the process of creating suitable investment advice.
- Be able to classify and to differentiate between qualitative and quantitative data, as well as be able to understand the importance of each type of data in relation to an investment plan.
- Understand and classify clients' investment objectives according to the clients' required rates of return.
- Understand clients' ability and willingness to accept risk; be able to analyze the components and differentiate the factors that influence clients' ability and willingness to accept risk.

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- 5. Be able to differentiate and to analyze the limitations and restrictions of clients.
- Be able to analyze and to differentiate between clients according to their risk tolerances by using the suitability test created by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Understand the definition and the importance of asset allocation; recognize factors that relate to asset allocation.
- 8. Understand each asset class and be able to classify assets with similar characteristics into the appropriate asset classes.
- Understand the concepts of constructing, managing, and measuring the performance of portfolios; be able to adjustment portfolios according to changes in clients' personal financial status and the investment climate.

Section 3

Products Knowledge and Rules and Regulations for Dealing in Securities (Excluding Derivatives)

- 3.1 Rules and Regulations for Dealing in Securities (Excluding Derivatives).
 - Equity Instrument Trading Principles and Procedures Learning Objective Statement:
 - 1. To explain the trading system, order matching method, and trading hours of SET
 - 2. To explain trading methods and procedures of SET's trading system
 - 3. To explain the types of orders and their limitations
 - 4. To explain trading size and describe the types of SET trading boards
 - 5. To explain the criteria for ceiling and floor limits and spread
 - 6. To explain the methods and procedures for opening a trading account
 - 7. To explain the types of trading accounts and their differences
 - 8. To explain rules for margin accounts
 - 9. To explain and calculate margins
 - 10. To explain prohibited trading behaviors
 - 11. To explain SET's roles and measures used in trading supervision

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- 12. To explain the objectives and meanings of signs posted on the trading board indicating situations or conditions applicable to a particular security
- 13. To explain the circuit breaker mechanism
- 14. To explain SET's contingency plan for computer malfunctions

2. Debt Instrument Trading Principles and Procedures

Learning Objective Statement:

- 1. To explain the Thai BMA system and methods for debt instrument trading
- 2. To explain BEX's trading procedures, including account opening, ordering, settlement, and delivery
- 3. To explain BEX's trading system, methods, and rules
- 4. To explain the symbols indicating the names of instruments traded on BEX
- 5. To explain the objectives and meaning of signs indicating situations or conditions applicable to particular security

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
- 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
- To understand the rules, conditions, setup procedures and management of mutual funds
