Summer 2016: Midterm B

Name _____

Note: Problem 5 is on the second page.

Short Answer (15 points each)

- 1. Kellogg stock has a bid price of \$82.53 and an ask price of \$82.61. If you submit a market order to sell 500 shares of Kellogg, how much will you receive from the sale?
- 2. What is one disadvantage of organizing a business as a partnership?
- 3. Assume you have short-sold Amazon stock (which pays no dividends). What will lead to a loss on your short-sale?
- 4. You are planning to invest \$614 into an account so that you can withdraw \$100 a year for 10 years beginning a year from today. Just before you deposit the \$614, the interest rate on the account changes and you discover that you only need to deposit \$575 in the account. Which direction have interest rates changed?
- 5. You own a 5% coupon bond that matures 10 years from today and a zero-coupon bond that matures 30 years from today. If the yield to maturity on both bonds rises by 2%, which bond will change in price the most?

Problems (75 points each)

- Note: Unless I specifically state "calculations required", you can just set up all problems and tell me what you are solving for in each step. If you are using the result of an unsolved equation in a later step, just make that clear. One way to do this, set up the equation and call your result "A" or "B", etc. If you prefer, you can solve everything.
- Assume you are thinking about buying bonds issued by Wal-Mart and want to determine whether Wal-Mart's ability to make interest payments is improving or deteriorating. Using the attached income statement, calculate Wal-Mart's Interest Coverage Ratios to determine whether it is more capable of making its interest payments in 2016 than in 2015. Note: calculations required.
- 2. You would like to accumulate \$300,000 by five years and eight months from today. Two months from today, you plan to make the first of a series of semiannual deposits into an account that pay an APR of 6.5% with monthly compounding. Each deposit will be 1.5% smaller than the previous one and your final deposit will occur three years and eight months from today. Set up the calculations needed to determine how large your final deposit needs to be for you to achieve your goal? Note: For any step in which you are not solving for the left-hand side of the equation, clearly state which variable you are solving for.
- 3. A bond issued by Southwest Aero matures 4 years and 7 months from today for \$1000. The bond pays an annual coupon rate of 5%, but coupons are paid semiannually. Set up the calculations needed to calculate the dirty and clean price of the bond today if the yield to maturity on the bond equals 7.5%.
- 4. HoHum Portal is considering whether to acquire startup firm, Wow Apps, for \$3 billion. HoHum does not expect Wow to generate any cash flows until four years from today when it generates a net cash inflow of \$600 million. Net cash flows would then grow by 35% per year through 10 years from today. Wow would then shut down. HoHum estimates that the cost of capital for Wow equals 20%. Set up the calculations needed to determine the net present value of the investment by HoHum in Wow.

5. Each share of Gains ETF trades for \$460. For each outstanding share of Gains ETF, it has purchased ten shares of Agra Corp, it has short-sold two share of Petro Corp, it has purchased Treasury securities that mature one year from today for \$100 and it has short-sold Treasury securities that mature two years from today for \$100. Given the prices and payments given below, set up a table that shows your maximum arbitrage profit (per share). In the table, list the transactions required today and the cash flows today, one year from today, and two years from today for all transactions. Also show that the total cash flows one year from today and two years from today equal zero regardless of whether the economy is weak or strong. Notes: 1) assume Gains ETF pays out all cash flows it receives; 2) calculations required; 3) use "+" for inflows and "-" for outflows.

| | | Payoff in one year | | Payoff in two years | |
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| Security | Price | Strong | Weak | Strong | Weak |
| Agra Corp | 50 | 10 | 5 | 100 | 25 |
| Petro Corp | 30 | 5 | 0 | 50 | 20 |
| 1-Year Treasury | 98 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 2-Year Treasury | 95 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 |