Quiz B for 4:00 Class: 10/09/13 Name Key

Short Answer 1 (15 points): Set up the calculations to determine the Sharpe Ratio of the Cutlucent hedge fund if the standard deviation of returns on Cutlucent is 34%, the standard deviation of returns on the market is 15%, the expected return on the Cutlucent is 20%, the expected return on the market is 8%, and the risk-free interest rate is 3%. $\frac{20-3}{34}$ (+5 each)

Short Answer 2 (15 points): Assume you invest $200,000 in Starbucks which has an expected return of 12% and a standard deviation of returns of 25% and $600,000 in T-bills earning a 1% return. Set up the calculations to determine the expected return and standard deviation of returns on your portfolio.

$X = \frac{200}{200+600}$ (+3 each) ; $E(R) = X(12) + (1-X)1$ or $1 + X(12-1)$ (+3) ; $SD = X(25)$ (+3)

Problem (75 points): Assume the expected return on USDefault (USD) Inc. is 8% and on Japan Airbus Lines (JAL) is 16%. Assume also that the correlation between USD and JAL is 0.1 and that the standard deviation of returns on USD is 10% and on JAL is 23%. Assume also that the return on T-bills is 2%. Assume also that you wish to construct a portfolio with a standard deviation of returns of 15%.

a. Show your optimal portfolio of USD, JAL, and T-bills and show how much better off you are than if there were no risk-free asset.

b. On the same graph, show how the expected return of your portfolio changes if the standard deviations of both USD and JAL rise by 5% and the rate on T-bills rises to 6%. Note: Be sure to clearly indicate which part of the graph answers part a) and which answers part b).

c. Because of the changes in part b), will you buy, buy and return, sell, or short-sell additional T-bills? How will the relative weights of JAL and USD change?

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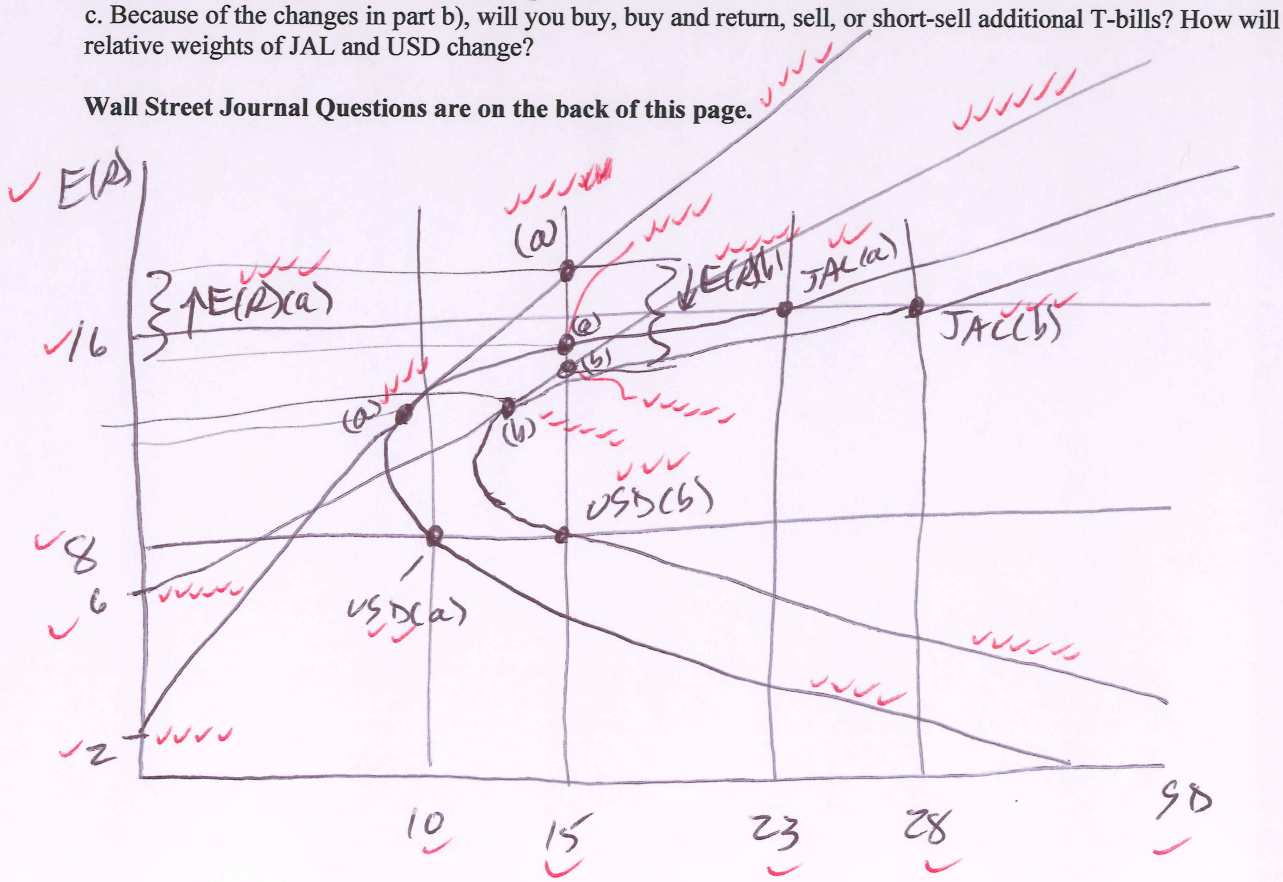

c. Buy & return T-Bills

weight of JAL will rise & USD will fall (Answer depends on graph)