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Autonomous, Bengaluru

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PG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

M.Com: THIRD SEMESTER

MCODSF 3425: FINANCIAL PLANNING

TIME: 3 hours.

MAX. MARKS: 70

This paper contains TWO printed pages and FOUR parts

Instructions:

1. Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.
2. Any discrepancies or questions about the exam paper must be reported to the COE within 1 hour after the examination.
3. Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.

PART-A

Answer EIGHT questions out of TEN. Each answer carries TWO marks.

[2x8 = 16]

1. Give the meaning of Financial Planning.
2. Illustrate the various asset classes and give one example for each.
3. What do you understand by mutual funds?
4. Differentiate between insurance and ULIPs.
5. How can a risk matrix be used to decide which risks are acceptable and which require immediate control measures?
6. What are the types of rebalancing in the portfolio management?
7. What is meant by an equity moat in equity investing, and how did investors like Warren Buffett or Philip Fisher use this idea in selecting stocks?
8. Distinguish between debt avalanche and debt snowball.
9. Differentiate Sparklines from Waterfall Charts in visualization.
10. Describe STDEV.P function for portfolio risk analysis.

PART-B

Answer any FOUR questions out of SIX. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[4x5=20]

11. What are the different types of financial planning, and how does each type address specific financial needs and goals?
12. Explain the financial planning process with an example from your personal perspective.
13. Discuss in detail the important factors an investor must evaluate before investing in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).

14. Discuss the major steps involved in preparing a financial plan for an individual.
15. Discuss the various Tax Benefit Plans in India and explain how they help in retirement planning and wealth creation.
16. Explain the role of Excel in personal finance planning using income-expense tracking templates.

PART-C

Answer any TWO questions out of THREE. Each answer carries TEN marks. [2X10=20]

17. Apply the 1 H (How) and 4W (Why, Where, What, When) approach to the formulation of a financial plan for a young professional. Discuss the constraints involved in personal financial planning.
18. Explain the contribution of behavioural finance theories to understanding investor behaviour.
19. Examine the major factors used to evaluate investment opportunities critically, highlighting their relevance in decision-making.

PART-D

Answer the following. (Compulsory Skill Based Question/ Case Study) [1X14=14]

20. Sukaina is a 35-year-old marketing professional working in Bengaluru. Her monthly net income is ₹90,000.

Monthly Details

Household expenses: ₹28,000
 Insurance premium: ₹3,000
 Existing SIP investment: ₹7,000
 Loan EMI: ₹9,000

Liabilities	Assets
Home loan outstanding: ₹18,00,000	Bank savings: ₹3,00,000
Personal loan outstanding: ₹2,00,000	Mutual fund investments: ₹4,00,000
	EPF balance: ₹2,00,000
	Gold investments: ₹3,00,000

Financial Goals

1. Emergency fund equal to 6 months of expenses
2. Child's higher education after 15 years – estimated future value: ₹30 lakhs
3. Retirement corpus of ₹50,00,000 after 25 years, to be funded through a monthly SIP earning 12% p.a. compounded monthly

Required:

- a) Calculate Sukaina's monthly savings and net worth
- b) Compute the required emergency fund
- c) Calculate the monthly SIP required for retirement (manual calculation)

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