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IN

BUSINESS STUDIES

MODULE: Corporate Finance 1

PAPER NO: 524/23/M04

DURATION: 3 Hours

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REQUIREMENTS

Non – programmable calculator

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

- 1. Answer all questions.**
- 2. This paper consists of five (5) questions.**
- 3. Show all necessary workings.**

QUESTION 1

Several instruments are traded on the money market. Describe any four instruments traded in the money market. (20 marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Distinguish between preferred stock and debentures as sources of long term finance for corporations. (12 marks)
- b) Outline any four (4) advantages and four (4) disadvantages of raising capital using equity. (8 marks)

QUESTION 3

Discuss any four (4) types of dividend policies that can be followed by corporates in Zimbabwe. (20 marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) You are considering two (2) options for receiving payments

Option 1:

1000 Zig at the end of each year for the next 5 years.

Option 2:

6000 Zig at the end of 5 years.

If the annual interest rate is 6% per annum, which option would be more beneficial from a financial perspective considering the time value of money? (10 marks)

- b) Explain any five (5) shortcomings of the concept of time value of money. (10 marks)

QUESTION 5

- a) Explain the main objectives of working capital management. (15 marks)
- b) Explain the risk- return trade off in working capital management. (5 marks)

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