**PART I The International Financial Environment**

**Chapter 1 An Introduction to Multinational Finance**

**Notes to instructors:**

Answers to non-numeric multiple choice questions are arranged alphabetically, so that answers are randomly assigned to the five outcomes.

**True/False**

1. MNCs have investment or financial operations in more than one country.

True.

2. The terms *stakeholder* and *shareholder* are synonymous.

False. Stakeholders include all those with a stake in the firm. A narrow definition of *stakeholder* includes debt and equity. A broad definition includes the firm’s debt and equity, as well as creditors, customers, suppliers, and employees.

3. The MNC typically faces greater constraints than the domestic corporation in the timing and location of its investments.

False. Multinationals typically have more flexibility in timing and location of their investments, as well as in their operation.

4. Risk exists whenever actual outcomes can differ from expected outcomes.

True.

5. Assets and liabilities are exposed to currency risk when their values can change with unexpected changes in currency values.

True.

6. *Currency risk* and *currency risk exposure* refer to the same thing—the possibility that currency values will differ from their expectations.

False. A firm has a currency risk exposure when its assets or liabilities can change in value with unexpected changes in currency values.

7. The investment opportunity set is the set of investments available to the corporation; that is, the set from which the company must select.

True.

8. The three types of market efficiency used in the text to describe the performance of financial markets are allocational efficiency, operational efficiency, and transactional efficiency.

False. Three types of market efficiency are allocational, operational, and *informational* efficiency.

9. Economies of scale arise as fixed development or production costs are spread over a larger output.

True.

10. Economies of scope are efficiencies that arise across product lines, such as when joint production results in lower per-unit costs.

True.

11. Economies of scale are efficiencies that arise across product lines, such as when joint production results in lower per-unit costs.

False. These are economies of scope. Economies of scale arise when size itself results in lower average or per-unit production costs.

12. An informationally efficient market is one with abundant information.

False. It is a market in which prices fully reflect available information.

13. Allocational efficiency refers to how efficiently a market channels capital toward its most productive uses.

True.

14. Allocational efficiency refers to whether a market allocates capital to those investments deemed most worthy by a host government.

False. Allocational efficiency refers to how efficiently a market channels capital toward its most productive uses in an economic, rather than a political, sense.

15. Operational efficiency refers to how large an influence transactions costs and other market frictions have on the operation of a market.

True.

16. Because of globalization in the world’s markets, a multinational financial manager is more likely than a domestic manager to be highly specialized in finance to the exclusion of other disciplines.

False. The multinational financial manager must be well versed in each of the business disciplines in which the MNC is involved.

17. The domestic financial manager must be knowledgeable in several areas within finance, whereas the multinational financial manager usually specializes in a single area, such as corporate finance, investments, or financial markets.

False. The multinational financial manager is likely to require knowledge of several fields within finance.

**Multiple Choice Select the BEST ANSWER**

1. Corporate stakeholders include each of (a) through (d) EXCEPT \_\_\_\_.

a. creditors

b. customers

c. managers

d. shareholders

\* e. Each of the above is a stakeholder in the firm

2. Loss in value from conflicts of interest between managers and other stakeholders are called \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. adverse selection costs

\* b. agency costs

c. costs of financial distress

d. sunk costs

e. transactions costs

3. National and cultural differences manifest themselves in each of the following ways EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. accounting conventions

b. distribution

\* c. human nature

d. personnel management

e. tax systems

4. Opportunities for the MNC to enhance revenues include each of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. advantages of scale

b. advantages of scope

\* c. economies of vertical integration

d. global branding

e. marketing flexibility

5. Opportunities for the MNC to reduce operating expenses include each of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. economies of scale

b. economies of scope

c. flexibility in global site selection

\* d. global branding

e. low-cost labor

6. Multinational business strategies for preserving or enhancing operating cash flows through multinational operations include each of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. follow the customer

b. follow the leader

c. go local

d. lead the customer

\* e. the perfect market assumptions

7. The perfect market assumptions include each of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_.

\* a. efficient markets

b. equal access to costless information

c. equal access to market prices

d. frictionless markets

e. rational investors

8. Markets in which prices reflect value are said to be \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. allocationally efficient

b. free of agency conflicts

\* c. informationally efficient

d. operationally efficient

e. prone to arbitrage

9. Opportunities for MNCs to create value through their financial policies include each of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. access to low-cost capital

b. currency risk management

\* c. expansion of the investment opportunity set

d. financial market arbitrage

e. overcoming capital flow barriers