

MUTUAL FUNDS : A BEGINNERS' MODULE

CURRICULUM

a) Mutual Funds (15 marks)

- a. Introduction
- b. Mutual Funds : Structure in India
- c. Who manages Investor's Money
- d. Who is a custodian
- e. What is the role of the AMC?
- f. What is an NFO?
- g. What is the role of a Registrar and Transfer Agents?
- h. What is the procedure for investing in an NFO?
- i. What are the investor's rights and obligations?

b) Mutual Fund Products and Features – Equity Funds (15 marks)

- a. What are open ended and close ended Funds?
- b. What are Equity Funds?
- c. What is an Index Fund?
- d. What are diversified Large Cap Funds?
- e. What are Midcap Funds?
- f. What are Sectoral Funds?
- g. Other Equity Schemes
- h. What is an Entry Load?
- i. What is Expense Ratio?
- j. What is Portfolio Turnover?
- k. How does AUM affect Portfolio Turnover?
- l. How to analyse cash level in Portfolios?
- m. What are Exit Loads?

c) Gold ETFs (13 marks)

- a. Introduction to Exchange Traded Funds
- b. Salient Features
- c. Working
- d. Market Making by APs
- e. Creation Units, Portfolio Deposit and cash component
(An example)

d) Debt Funds (15 marks)

- a. Salient Features
- b. What is interest rate risk?
- c. What is credit risk?

d. How is a Debt instrument priced?

e) Liquid Funds (14 marks)

- a. Salient Features
- b. Floating Rate Scheme
- c. What is portfolio churning in liquid funds?

f) Taxation (14 marks)

- a. Capital Gains Taxation
- b. Indexation Benefit
- c. Why FMPs are popular?

g) Regulations (14 marks)

- a. Overview
- b. What is the name of industry association for the mutual fund industry?
- c. What are the objectives of AMFI?
- d. Advantages of Mutual Funds
- e. What is a Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)?
- f. What is a Systematic Transfer Plan (STP)?
- g. What is Systematic Withdrawal Plan (SWP)?
- h. Choosing between dividend payout, dividend re-investment and growth options – which one is better for the investor?