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<b>Problem 1</b>						
a. There are a number of ways in which BMD can increase its debt ratio _						
1. It can borrow \$ 1.15 billion and buy back stock.						
2. It can borrow \$ 1.15 billion and pay special dividends.						
3. It can borrow more than \$ 1.15 billion and take projects over time, in which case its optimal dollar debt will be higher.						
For instance, if the money is borrowed now to take projects, the debt needed can be estimated approximately: $X/(2300+X) = 0.5$						
Solving for X, X = 2300						
b. From the viewpoint of the effect on equity, there is no difference between repurchasing stock and paying a special dividend.						
There may be a tax difference to the recipient, since dividends and capital gains are taxed differently.						
c. If BMD has a cash balance of \$ 250 million, it can use this cash to buy back stock. BMD, therefore, needs to borrow only \$ 1.025 billion to get to 50%.						
<b>Problem 2</b>						
a.)	Current	1	2	3	4	5
Debt	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Equity	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,003.95	\$ 1,119.72	\$ 1,248.68	\$ 1,392.35	\$ 1,552.42
D/(D+E)	10.00%	9.06%	8.20%	7.41%	6.70%	6.05%
D/E	11.11%	9.96%	8.93%	8.01%	7.18%	6.44%
Net Income	\$ 67.50	\$ 74.25	\$ 81.68	\$ 89.84	\$ 98.83	\$ 108.71
Dividends	\$ 13.50	\$ 14.85	\$ 16.34	\$ 17.97	\$ 19.77	\$ 21.74
Beta	1.10	1.09	1.09	1.08	1.08	1.07
Expected Return	13.05%	13.01%	12.98%	12.94%	12.92%	12.89%
Dividend Yield	1.50%	1.48%	1.46%	1.44%	1.42%	1.40%
Exp. Price App	11.55%	11.53%	11.52%	11.51%	11.50%	11.49%
b.)	Current	1	2	3	4	5
Debt	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Equity	\$ 900.00	\$ 945.45	\$ 988.76	\$ 1,028.80	\$ 1,064.20	\$ 1,093.31
D/(D+E)	10.00%	9.57%	9.18%	8.86%	8.59%	8.38%
D/E	11.11%	10.58%	10.11%	9.72%	9.40%	9.15%
Net Income	\$ 67.50	\$ 74.25	\$ 81.68	\$ 89.84	\$ 98.83	\$ 108.71
Dividends	\$ 27.00	\$ 29.70	\$ 32.67	\$ 35.94	\$ 39.53	\$ 43.48
Stock Buybacks		\$ 45.00	\$ 50.20	\$ 55.99	\$ 62.43	\$ 69.62
Beta	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09
Expected Return	13.05%	13.03%	13.02%	13.00%	12.99%	12.98%
Dividend Yield	3.00%	3.14%	3.30%	3.49%	3.71%	3.98%
Exp. Price App	10.05%	9.89%	9.71%	9.51%	9.28%	9.01%

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<b>Problem 3</b>						
<i>a) If the existing policy of paying \$ 50 million in dividends is continued.</i>						
	Current	1	2	3	4	5
Debt	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equity	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,630.00	\$ 6,330.09	\$ 7,108.06	\$ 7,972.58	\$ 8,933.28
D/(D+E)	50.00%	47.04%	44.13%	41.29%	38.54%	35.89%
D/E	100.00%	88.81%	78.99%	70.34%	62.71%	55.97%
Dividends	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Beta	1.20	1.15	1.11	1.07	1.03	1.00
Expected Return	13.60%	13.32%	13.08%	12.87%	12.68%	12.51%
Dividend Yield	1.00%	0.89%	0.79%	0.70%	0.63%	0.56%
Exp. Price App	12.60%	12.43%	12.29%	12.16%	12.05%	11.95%
<i>a) If the existing policy of paying \$ 50 million in dividends is continued.</i>						
	Current	1	2	3	4	5
Debt	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equity	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,680.00	\$ 6,435.65	\$ 7,275.37	\$ 8,208.50	\$ 9,245.45
D/(D+E)	50.00%	46.82%	43.72%	40.73%	37.85%	35.10%
D/E	100.00%	88.03%	77.69%	68.73%	60.91%	54.08%
Dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Beta	1.20	1.15	1.10	1.06	1.02	0.99
Expected Return	13.60%	13.30%	13.05%	12.83%	12.63%	12.46%
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Exp. Price App	13.60%	13.30%	13.05%	12.83%	12.63%	12.46%
<b>Problem 4</b>						
a. Current Return on Capital = $EBIT(1-t)/(BV:D+E) = 300(1-.4) / (1000 + 2000) =$						6.00%
Current Cost of Equity = $7\% + 1.30(5.5\%) =$				14.15%		
Cost of Capital = $14.15\% (4000/5000) + 8\% (1-.4) (1000/5000) =$					12.28%	
Given that the return on capital is less than the cost of capital, DGF Corporation should try to increase its debt ratio by buying back stock or paying dividends, unless it expects future projects to earn more than its expected cost of capital (11.28%) - i.e, 1% less than the current cost of capital.						
b. I would consider future investment opportunities and the volatility of operating income in making this decision. If I expect future projects to be better than existing projects, I would be more inclined towards recommending borrowing money / taking projects.						

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<b>Problem 5</b>								
To advise STL Corporation on designing debt, I would need to get information on the types of assets/projects that they plan to finance with the debt.								
In particular, I would need to know the following –								
	1. Are the projects short-term or long-term?							
	2. What is the pattern of cash flows on these projects?							
	3. Are these cash flows stable or volatile?							
	4. What currency will these cash flows be in?							
	5. What other factors (economy, industry-specific facts) affect cash flows?							
<b>Problem 6</b>								
a. Given that the projects are long-term and require large initial investments, I would suggest long-term debt.								
b. Since the cash flows are the local currencies, I would suggest that the debt also be in local currencies.								
c. Since future cash flows will depend upon the growth of the emerging markets, I would be more likely to use convertible debt.								
<b>Problem 7</b>								
Year	Equity	Debt	Firm Value	Long Bond Rat	GNP Growth	Dollar	Inflation Rate	
1985	\$ 1,825	\$ 436	\$ 2,261	11.40%	6.44%	125.95	3.50%	
1986	\$ 2,261	\$ 632	\$ 2,893	9.00%	5.40%	112.89	1.90%	
1987	\$ 2,390	\$ 795	\$ 3,185	9.40%	6.90%	95.88	3.70%	
1988	\$ 1,961	\$ 655	\$ 2,616	9.70%	7.89%	95.32	4.10%	
1989	\$ 2,260	\$ 836	\$ 3,096	9.30%	7.23%	102.26	4.80%	
1990	\$ 1,876	\$ 755	\$ 2,631	9.30%	5.35%	96.25	5.40%	
1991	\$ 2,010	\$ 795	\$ 2,805	8.80%	2.88%	98.82	4.20%	
1992	\$ 2,589	\$ 833	\$ 3,422	8.10%	6.22%	104.58	3.00%	
1993	\$ 3,210	\$ 649	\$ 3,859	7.20%	5.34%	105.22	3.00%	
1994	\$ 3,963	\$ 1,053	\$ 5,016	8.00%	5.97%	98.6	2.60%	
a. To estimate the duration, we regress changes in firm value against changes in the long bond rate.								
Year	Change in Firm	Change in Long Bond Rate						
1986	27.95%	-2.40%						
1987	10.09%	0.40%						
1988	-17.86%	0.30%						
1989	18.35%	-0.40%						
1990	-15.02%	0.00%						
1991	6.61%	-0.50%						
1992	22.00%	-0.70%						
1993	12.77%	-0.90%						
1994	29.98%	0.80%						
Change in Firm Value = 0.08 - 6.51 (Change in Long Bond Rate)								

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The t statistics for the slope coefficient is only 1.01; it is not statistically significant.									
The estimate of the duration is 6.5 years.									
b. To estimate the cyclical, we regress changes in firm value against GNP growth rates.									
Year	Change in Firm	GNP Growth							
1986	27.95%	6.44%							
1987	10.09%	5.40%							
1988	-17.86%	6.90%							
1989	18.35%	7.89%							
1990	-15.02%	7.23%							
1991	6.61%	5.35%							
1992	22.00%	2.88%							
1993	12.77%	6.22%							
1994	29.98%	5.34%							
Change in Firm Value = 0.38 - 4.68 (GNP Growth)									
The t statistic on the slope coefficient is 1.15									
While the regression suggests that the firm is counter-cyclical, the t statistic is not statistically significant.									
c. To estimate the sensitivity of firm value to exchange rates, regress changes in firm value against changes in weighted dollar.									
Year	Change in Firm	Change in Weighted Dollar							
1986	27.95%	-10.37%							
1987	10.09%	-15.07%							
1988	-17.86%	-0.58%							
1989	18.35%	7.28%							
1990	-15.02%	-5.88%							
1991	6.61%	2.67%							
1992	22.00%	5.83%							
1993	12.77%	0.61%							
1994	29.98%	-6.29%							
Change in Firm Value = 0.10 - 0.03 (Change in Weighted Dollar)									
The t statistic is close to zero.									
The firm's value is unaffected by changes in exchange rates.									
d. To estimate the sensitivity of firm value to inflation rates, regress changes in firm value against changes in inflation rates.									
Year	Change in Firm	Change in Inflation Rate							
1986	27.95%	-1.60%							
1987	10.09%	1.80%							
1988	-17.86%	0.40%							
1989	18.35%	0.70%							
1990	-15.02%	0.60%							
1991	6.61%	-1.20%							

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1992	22.00%	-1.20%							
1993	12.77%	0.00%							
1994	29.98%	-0.40%							
Change in Firm Value = 0.10 - 6.84 (Change in Inflation Rate)									
Again, while the results suggest that the firm's value is negatively affected by inflation, the t statistic is only 1.30.									
e. On all of these regressions, there is considerable noise in the estimates. If the results from these regressions deviate significantly from industry averages, I would use the industry averages. In addition, if I knew that the firm was planning to enter into new businesses, I would factor these into my analysis.									
<b>Problem 8</b>									
a. To estimate the duration, we regress changes in Op. income against changes in the long bond rate.									
Year	Change in OI	Change in Long Bond Rate							
1986	-11.02%	-2.40%							
1987	17.23%	0.40%							
1988	12.84%	0.30%							
1989	1.10%	-0.40%							
1990	-17.42%	0.00%							
1991	-25.05%	-0.50%							
1992	21.05%	-0.70%							
1993	36.96%	-0.90%							
1994	43.03%	0.80%							
Change in Firm Value = 0.12 + 9.25 (Change in Long Bond Rate)									
The t statistics for the slope coefficient is only 1.04; it is not statistically significant.									
A positive coefficient would suggest a short duration.									
b. To estimate the cyclicity, we regress changes in firm value against GNP growth rates.									
Year	Change in OI	GNP Growth							
1986	-11.02%	6.44%							
1987	17.23%	5.40%							
1988	12.84%	6.90%							
1989	1.10%	7.89%							
1990	-17.42%	7.23%							
1991	-25.05%	5.35%							
1992	21.05%	2.88%							
1993	36.96%	6.22%							
1994	43.03%	5.34%							
Change in Firm Value = 0.40 - 5.25 (GNP Growth)									
The t statistic on the slope coefficient is 0.90									
While the regression suggests that the firm is counter-cyclical, the t statistic is not statistically significant.									
c. To estimate the sensitivity of firm value to exchange rates, regress changes in firm value against changes in weighted dollar.									

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Year	Change in OI	Change in Weighted Dollar							
1986	-11.02%	-10.37%							
1987	17.23%	-15.07%							
1988	12.84%	-0.58%							
1989	1.10%	7.28%							
1990	-17.42%	-5.88%							
1991	-25.05%	2.67%							
1992	21.05%	5.83%							
1993	36.96%	0.61%							
1994	43.03%	-6.29%							
Change in Firm Value = 0.09 - 0.10 (Change in Weighted Dollar)									
The t statistic is close to zero.									
The firm's operating income is unaffected by changes in exchange rates.									
d. To estimate the sensitivity of firm value to inflation rates, regress changes in firm value against changes in inflation rates.									
Year	Change in Firm	Change in Inflation Rate							
1986	-11.02%	-1.60%							
1987	17.23%	1.80%							
1988	12.84%	0.40%							
1989	1.10%	0.70%							
1990	-17.42%	0.60%							
1991	-25.05%	-1.20%							
1992	21.05%	-1.20%							
1993	36.96%	0.00%							
1994	43.03%	-0.40%							
Change in Firm Value = 0.09 + 4.05 (Change in Inflation Rate)									
While the results suggest that operating income is positively affected by inflation, the t statistic is only 0.51.									
e. On all of these regressions, there is considerable noise in the estimates. If the results from these regressions deviate significantly from industry averages, I would use the industry averages. In addition, if I knew that the firm was planning to enter into new businesses, I would factor these into my analysis.									
<b>Problem 9</b>									
When the regression analysis is done with both operating income and firm value as dependent variables, there might be different results from each.									
The reasons for the differences are as follows –									
a. Operating income might be smoothed out, whereas firm value is not.									
b. Firm value reflects changes not only in operating income but also in discount rates and expected future growth.									
I would be more inclined to use firm value to measure duration and sensitivity to economic factors. I would use operating income to examine sensitivity to inflation, especially if floating rate debt is to be issued.									
<b>Problem 10</b>									
a. Given that there are significant anti-takeover restrictions in the corporate charter, and assuming that management is not under stockholder pressure,									

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I would argue that Pfizer can move to its optimal gradually rather than quickly.									
b. Return on Capital = $2000(1-.4) / 8000 =$		15.00%							
This return on capital is greater than the cost of capital. If Pfizer can earn similar returns on capital on new projects, I would recommend taking projects, rather than buying back stock or paying dividends.									
c. If Pfizer is planning to acquire another company with its excess debt capacity, I would have the following concerns _									
1. if it plans to acquire another firm of equivalent risk in health care, my primary concern would be whether it can earn more than its cost of capital on the acquired firm - i.e., it might pay more than fair market value, even after allowing for synergy.									
2. if it plans to acquire a firm in another business, in addition to the overpayment concern I would be worried about whether the optimal computed would still continue to hold - if the acquired firm is much riskier, it may alter the optimal.									
<b>Problem 11</b>									
a. Since Upjohn is a potential takeover target, I would suggest moving to the optimal debt ratio quickly.									
b. Cost of Equity = $6.50\% + 1.17(5.5\%) =$		12.94%							
While the current return on equity > current cost of equity, the decline in the return on equity would suggest a greater emphasis on stock buybacks and dividends.									
<b>Problem 12</b>									
I would expect steel companies in emerging countries to use far less debt than their mature U.S. counterparts. In addition, I would expect these companies to use convertible debt rather than straight debt.									
<b>Problem 13</b>									
a. Given that firm value is negatively affected by changes in interest rates, and that the regression suggests that the duration of the debt should be 6.33 years, I would argue that Bethlehem Steel should have debt with a maturity greater than a year.									
b. It might make sense, however, for Bethlehem Steel to use short term debt to finance long term projects, if									
(1) they believe that they are much less risky than the market assesses them to be (bond ratings, betas...)									
(2) they anticipate changing their business mix in the near future and enter different businesses.									
(3) they believe that they can forecast changes in the term structure better than other market participants									
<b>Problem 14</b>									
The assets that are purchased with the debt tend to have long lives and produce cash flows over decades -> hence the debt is long-term.									
The cash flows tend to be fairly stable over time -> hence fixed-rate debt									
The investments tend to be in the United States, with cash flows in dollars - hence, dollar denominated.									
<b>Problem 15</b>									
a. It can be argued that the slope coefficient is a measure of the duration of the assets owned by these firms; hence, it can determine the duration of the debt.									
b. The slope coefficients are estimated with substantial noise; I would use the average across all 6 firms as my measure of duration for each of them.									
Average Slope Coefficient =		8.93							
<b>Problem 16</b>									
a. Based upon the regressions, I would argue that Motorola's assets									
1. have a duration of about 4 years									

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	2. are cyclical, since firm value moves with the economy							
	3. is negatively affected by changes in inflation rates.							
	4. is negatively affected by a weaker dollar							
I would design medium-term, fixed-rate debt, with an average duration of 4 years.								
b. I would consider adding a call option to the debt which is linked to a high-technology stock index. Thus, when high technology stocks do well, the debt will become more valuable.								
<b>Problem 17</b>								
I would argue for the issuance of convertible debt. This would allow for a low coupon rate, and would ensure that the value of the debt will increase if the firm is doing well.								
<b>Problem 18</b>								
I would expect these companies to use floating-rate dollar debt, since their cash flows tend to move with inflation.								
The external restrictions on investment policy will also reduce any concerns bondholders might have about expropriation and allow them to borrow long-term.								
<b>Problem 19</b>								
Given that cash flows move with inflation, I would use floating rate debt.								
One feature that ACM might consider adding on to its debt is a call option on a commodity - such as copper, zinc or magnesium - that the company produces. This will reduce the interest rate that ACM will have to pay on the debt and tie cash flows on it much more directly to commodity prices.								
<b>Problem 20</b>								
There are a number of reasons why a company may continue to use debt issued in one currency to finance projects with cash flows in another currency.								
	1. The company might have a "better" reputation in one market than another - thus, it might be able to borrow on better terms in that market.							
	2. The markets in the currency in which the project is denominated might not be liquid or developed enough to borrow large amounts.							
	3. The company might have so many projects in so many different currencies that it believes that it is both diversified across currencies, and it is not cost-effective to borrow in all of these currencies.							
	4. It might be cheaper to borrow in the company's home currency, and use other approaches (options, futures) to hedge risk.							
<b>Problem 21</b>								
I would disagree. By using short-term debt to finance long-term projects, the CFO is exposing the firm to refinancing risk. If we factor in both this risk and the expected rates at which future debt will be raised (from the forward rates in the term structure), the expected cost on short-term debt, in the long term, should be equal to the expected cost of using long term debt.								
<b>Problem 22</b>								
I would concur with the use of convertible debt for the following reasons –								
	a. Borrowing fixed-rate, long-term debt would be expensive, given that the market perceives them to be riskier than they are.							
	b. The conversion option will be priced based upon perceived volatility; to the extent that the market is perceiving that the firm is volatile, this allows the firm to take advantage of this perception.							
<b>Problem 23</b>								
The decision on whether to use equity or warrants will depend upon the market's perception of the firm's volatility. If the market is over estimating the								



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riskiness/volatility of the firm, issuing warrants may be preferable to issuing equity. If, on the other hand, it is underestimating the riskiness/volatility of								
the firm, issuing equity may be preferable.								