

3. Discuss the importance of derivatives. Also discuss the regulatory framework related to derivatives in India
4. Discuss the Black-Scholes model for pricing options contracts.
5. What is a commodity derivative? Discuss the importance of commodity derivatives.

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6. **Attempt following case study :**

The underlying asset in a futures contract could be commodities, stocks, currencies, interest rates and bond. The futures contract is held at a recognized stock exchange. The exchange acts as mediator and facilitator between the parties. In the beginning both the parties are required by the exchange to put beforehand a nominal account as part of contract known as the margin.

Since the futures prices are bound to change every day, the differences in prices are settled on daily basis from the margin. If the margin is used up, the contractee has to replenish the margin back in the account. This process is called marking to market. Thus, on the day of delivery it is only the spot price that is used to decide the difference as all other differences had been previously settled.

- a) What is pricing of futures contracts?
- b) Discuss the determinants of value of futures contract.

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