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## POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FINANCIAL MARKETS PRACTICE

## **Term-End Examination**

June, 2013

MFP-003: COMMODITY MARKETS

Time: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 100

(Weightage :70%)

Note: (i) Attempt any five questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. What are the commodity markets? Explain the concept of forward trading and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a forward contract in relation to commodities trading.
- 2. What do you understand by future delivery? Discuss the regulatory framework for future delivery in India.
- 3. Explain the delivery and settlement procedure for trades in the commodity markets.
- 4. What are the characteristics of bullion commodities? Explain the major factors that impact their prices.

- 5. What do you understand by electricity trading? Discuss the operational and delivery procedure of Indian Energy Exchange.
- **6.** Explain the following :
  - (a) Contango and backwardation
  - (b) Basis and Basis risk
- 7. What is hedging? Discuss the applications of long and short hedges and explain their benefits.
- 8. Explain why are commodities an effective asset class for diversification of portfolio risk?