K.J. SOMAIYA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES & RESEARCH PGDM (VI) 2017 - 2019 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

(End Term Exam)

Date: 11/04/2019 Marks: 25 Hours: 2.00

Q1. Answer any ONE of the following:

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- A. Explain the difference between Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility. What are the objectives of corporate governance? With the help of any ONE case examine the importance of Corporate Governance to long-term value and reputational capital or brand value of a company.
- B. Examine the failure of Enron and Satyam. How did the Independent Directors fail to perform their fiduciary responsibilities? What were the lessons leant from these cases? How has the role pf Independent Directors evolved since these cases?
- C. "Unlike in the U.S. corporate governance standards in India have always been positively correlated to the maturing of the stock market." Do you agree with this? Why? Trace the history and evolution of corporate governance in India.

Q2. Answer any ONE of the following:

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- A. What is Clause 49? When and Why was it introduced? Compare Clause 49 with the provisions in the Companies Act, 2013.
- B. Examine the role of the Auditors as Gate Keepers and the members of the Audit Committee of the Board as Stewards in protecting the interests of minority shareholders
- C. What is the key difference between corporate governance practices in the United States as against those in the United Kingdoms? Discuss the key provisions in the SOX Act, 2002.

Q3. Write a short note on any ONE of the following:

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- A. The Agency Theory
- B. The Role of Board Leadership
- C. Combined Code, 2003

OR

Q 3. Read the following news item and answer the question.

CBI conducts raids at Bhushan Power & Steel premises for Rs 2,348-crore bank fraud

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted searches at various locations of New Delhi-based Bhushan Power and Steel on Sunday. The searches were conducted in their Delhi-NCR, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Orissa

office premises in connection with a case of bank fraud. Moreover, searches were also conducted at the residential premises of company's directors, promoters and their associates as well. According to sources, various documents related to the case were recovered.

According to CBI, Bhushan Power and Steel allegedly diverted around Rs 2,348 crore through its directors and staff from the loan accounts of Punjab National Bank (IFB New Delhi & IFB Chandigarh), Oriental Bank of Commerce (Kolkata), IDBI Bank (Kolkata) and UCO Bank (IFB Kolkata) into the accounts of various shell companies without any obvious purpose. The CBI said that the company in doing so had thus misused the funds.

"It was further alleged that the said Company availed various Loan facilities from 33 banks/financial institutions during the year 2007 to 2014 to the tune of Rs 47,204 crore (approx.) and defaulted on repayments. Subsequently, lead bank PNB declared the account as NPA followed by other banks and financial institutions," said the CBI.

According to the probe agency, the accused were part of a criminal conspiracy to cheat banks, financial institutions and government exchequer. "In furtherance of the said criminal conspiracy, the accused dishonestly & fraudulently diverted huge amount of bank funds through companies/shell companies/entities, etc. and deliberately defaulted in repayment and also claimed inadmissible CENVAT credit etc," said an officer of CBI.

As per the FIR lodged by CBI, accused used the bank funds for purposes other than sanctioned by the bank by committing forgery for the purpose of cheating, used forged documents and falsified the accounts causing loss to the tune of around Rs 2348 crore to the lending banks, financial institutions and government exchequer.

QUESTION: WHAT IS MORAL HAZARD? Examine the meaning of this concept in connection with the banking industry in India and in the U.S.
