EXAM 6 - UNITED STATES, FALL 2016

17. (1.75 points)

Given the following NAIC risk charges for an insurance company:

R ₀ :	10,000,000
R _I :	4,000,000
R ₂ :	5,000,000
R ₃ :	2,000,000
R ₄ :	15,000,000
R ₅ :	20,000,000

And the following information for the insurance company:

Policyholders' surplus:	20,000,000
Tabular discount on medical reserves:	3,000,000
Non-tabular discount:	2,000,000

a. (1 point)

Calculate the Risk-Based Capital (RBC) ratio.

b. (0.25 point)

Identify the RBC action level (if any).

c. (0.5 point)

Briefly describe the resulting actions of both the regulator and the company under the RBC Model Act.

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QUESTION 17

TOTAL POINT VALUE: 1.75 LEARNING OBJECTIVE: C2

SAMPLE ANSWERS

Part a: 1 point

Sample 1

RBC = 10 + SQRT(16+25+4+225+400) = \$35.88M

Authorized Control Level = $$35.88M \times 0.5 = $17.942M$

Adjusted Capital = PHS - NonTabular Discount - Tabular Medical Discount = 20-3-2=\$15M

RBC Ratio = Adjusted Capital / ACL = 15.0 / 17.942 = 0.836

Sample 2

RBC = 10 + SQRT(16+25+4+225+400) = \$35.88M

Authorized Control Level = \$35.88M x 0.5 = \$17.942M

Assume there is no such thing as Tabular Medical Discount

Adjusted Capital = PHS - NonTabular Discount = 20-2=\$18M

RBC Ratio = Adjusted Capital / ACL = 18.0 / 17.942 = 1.003

Part b: 0.25 point

Part b was graded using the result calculated in part a. Full credit was awarded when the correct action level was identified for the RBC ratio calculated in a.

If a > 2, then no action

If 1.5 < a < 2, then company action level

If 1 < a < 1.5, then regulatory action level

If 0.7 < a < 1, then authorized control level

If a < 0.7 mandatory control level

Part c: 0.5 point

Part c was graded based on the action level identified in part b:

If part b identified company action level

• The company must submit an action plan on how to improve the capital position or reduce risks; the regulator has no required actions

If part b identified regulatory action level:

• The company must submit an action plan on how to improve the capital position or reduce risks; the regulator has the authority to take corrective actions such as restricting new business, but it is not required.

If part b identified authorized control level:

• The company has no actions; the regulator has the authority to take control of the

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company, but it is not required.

If part b identified mandatory control level:

 The company has no actions; the regulator must take control of the company to prepare for liquidation

EXAMINER'S REPORT

The candidates were expected to calculate the RBC ratio and describe the resulting regulator and company actions. This is topic is frequently covered on prior exams, with a sample question directly out of the text. Formulas were directly pulled from the paper; table of levels action required was also in paper.

Part a

The candidates were expected to calculate RBC, Authorized Control Level, Adjusted Capital, and RBC Ratio. Examples of each calculation are provided directly in the syllabus material. The discounting of the surplus was more difficult, especially the handling of tabular medical discount. Full credit was given for two versions of discounted surplus.

Common mistakes included:

- Failure to discount properly
- Moving ½ of R3 to R4 unnecessarily
- Inverse the ratio
- Not remembering to multiply ½ to the RBC

Part b

The candidates were expected to name the action level.

Common mistakes included:

- Not using the right word 'action vs control' in the description of the level
- Not recalling the correct level

Part c

The candidates were expected to name the correct action from regulator and company from the action level:

Common mistakes included:

- Confusing regulatory action vs authorized control actions
- Not being precise in the use of 'regulator has authority to take control' vs 'regulator must take control'