

SUMMATIVE (FORMAL) ASSESSMENT: MODULE 3A

THE INSOLVENCY SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES

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submit the assessment again by 31 July 2023 (for example, in order to achieve a higher mark).	
 Prior to being populated with your answers, this assessment consists of 9 pages. 	
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS	Commented [H(1]: Total marks 45.5/50
QUESTION 1 (multiple-choice questions) [10 marks in total]	Commented [H(2]: Total marks 9/10
Questions 1.1 1.10. are multiple-choice questions designed to assess your ability to	
think critically about the subject. Please read each question carefully before reading	
the answer options. Be aware that some questions may seem to have more than one	
right answer, but you are to look for the one that makes the most sense and is the most correct. When you have a clear idea of the question, find your answer and mark your	
selection on the answer sheet by highlighting the relevant paragraph in yellow. Select	
only ONE answer. Candidates who select more than one answer will receive no mark	
for that specific question.	
Question 1.1	Commented [H(3]: Correct, 1 mark
Which of the following entities <u>does not</u> satisfy the minimum presence requirement to	
be a debtor under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code?	
(a) A feasing demisited company that your a US attempts a vatainer	
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(b) A company with several US bank accounts, but no physical presence in the United	
States.	
(c) A company with US patents, but no physical presence in the United States.	
(d) All of the above satisfy the minimum requirement for presence in the United	
States.	
(e) None of the above satisfy the minimum requirement for presence in the United	
States.	
Question 1.2	Commented [H(4]: Correct, 1 mark
ABC Corp is an industrial manufacturing company that is filing for bankruptcy. Which	
of the following could not be considered a party in interest?	
(a) A neighboring landowner to ABC Corp's manufacturing plant.	
(b) An environmental advocacy group that opposes ABC Corp's operations.	
(a) The level of ABC Courses out of the	
(c) The landlord of ABC Corp's corporate office.	

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(d)	People who live several miles downstream from ABC Corp's manufacturing plant and have been exposed to the plant's toxic waste.		
(e)	The US Internal Revenue Service.		
Ques	tion 1.3	Ca	mmented [H(5]: Incorrect, the correct response is (a)
	h of the following contracts to which ABC Corp is a party is executory and may be ned without counterparty consent?		
	I lease on a manufacturing plant that contains a provision that requires landlord pproval of any assignment.		
	In employment contact between ABC Corp and a former employee, requiring the ompany to provide health insurance through the end of the current year.		
	10-year software licensing agreement with XYZ Corp that is three years into performance.		
	lease on office space that ended the prior year, but for which ABC Corp still owes past rent.		
(a) M	Ione of the above are executory and may be assigned without counterparty		
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Question 1.8	Commented [H(10]: Correct, 1 mark
When does an automatic stay come into effect?	
(a) Immediately on the filing of any plenary petition.	
(b) On the filing of a voluntary petition but not on the filing of an involuntary petitio (c) Once the court reviews the petition and grants the stay.	n.
(d) Once the petitioner announces their intention to file for bankruptcy publicly.	
(e) Once a plan of reorganization is confirmed.	
Question 1.9	Commented [H(11]: Correct, 1 mark
Which of the following regarding substantive consolidation is <u>true</u> ?	
(a) It respects the boundaries of corporate separateness.	
(b) It is the treatment of two or more creditors as a single creditor to simplify the clain process.	15
(c) If a creditor can show it extended credit on the basis of corporate separateness, has a valid objection to substantive consolidation.	<mark>it</mark>
(d) Substantive consolidation is commonly used to resolve bankruptcies of corpora groups.	te
(e) Authority for substantive consolidation comes from the Bankruptcy Code.	
Question 1.10	Commented [H(12]: Correct, 1 mark
Which of the following are relevant factors in determining a debtor's center of ma interests (COMI) in the recognition stage of a Chapter 15 bankruptcy case?	in
(a) The location of the headquarters.	
(b) The location of primary assets.	
(c) The location of the majority of the affected creditors in the request for relief.	
(d) The jurisdiction whose law will apply to most disputes.	
(e) All of the above.	

QUESTION 2 (direct questions) [10 marks]	Commented [H(13]: Total marks 9.5/10
Question 2.1 (1 mark)	Commented [H(14]: Total marks 1/1
What is setoff and why is it not permitted in many circumstances?	
Setoff enables a creditor to net off the claims it has against a debtor with the money it	
owes the debtor. As this concept can improve the position of a creditor as against other	Commented [H(15]: Correct, 1/2 mark
unsecured creditors who are not owed by money by that debtor (decreasing the	
obligation to the estate by the whole amount owed by the debtor instead of the lesser	
amount the debtor would pay on an unsecured claim), the setoff procedure is not	
permitted under many circumstances.	Commented [H(16]: Correct, 1/2 mark
Question 2.2 [2 marks]	Commented [H(17]: Total marks 1.5/2
What rules should you review when preparing a filing for a bankruptcy court?	
You should review the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, which in many	Commented [H(18]: Correct, 1/2 mark
instances, incorporate reference to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In addition,	Commented [H(19]: Correct, 1/2 mark
each bankruptcy court will have local rules of procedure that ought to be consulted	Commented [H(20]: Correct, 1/2 mark, you should als
when preparing a filing for bankruptcy.	the judge's personal practices
Question 2.3 [2 marks]	Commented [H(21]: Total marksk 2/2
What does the absolute priority rule require and when can it be deviated from?	
The absolute priority rule requires that payment is made in full to each category of	
claims before the next category can be paid anything. In the circumstances of a	Commented [H(22]: Correct, 1 mark
Chapter 11 plan, the absolute priority rule can be deviated from provided consent is	Commented [H(23]: Correct, 1/2 mark
obtained from affected creditors. The rule cannot be deviated from in the	Commented [H(24]: Correct, 1/2 mark
circumstances of a Chapter 7 proceeding.	
Question 2.4 [2 marks]	Commented [H(25]: Total marks 2/2
What is a "priming lien" and what requirements must be met for such a lien to be granted to secure DIP financing?	
A priming lien is a post-petition lien that is senior or equal to a pre-petition lien over	
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	rence is a transfer of debtor's property that is made in a suspect period prior to ition date that must be returned to the estate where it exceeds the amount the	
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	no need to show fault by either the debtor or the creditor. The elements of a	Commented [H(31]: Correct, 1/2 mark
prefere	nce claim to be proved, are:	
a. 1	The transfer of an interest of a debtor in the property;	Commented [H(32]: Correct, 1/2 mark
	To or benefiting a creditor;	Commented [H(33]: Correct, 1/2 mark
	Made:	
	a. for or because of an pre-existing debt owed to the creditor by the debtor	
	prior to the transfer;	Commented [H(34]: Correct, 1/2 mark
	b. when the debtor was insolvent;	
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QUESTI	ON 3 (essay-type questions) [15 marks in total]	Commented [H(35]: Total marks 14/15
Questio	n 3.1 [3 marks]	Commented [H(36]: Total marks 2.5/3
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Question 3.2 [3 marks]	Commented [H(41]: Total marks 3/3
What provisions of the Bankruptcy Code automatically apply to the debtor's property within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States upon recognition of a foreign main proceeding? What relief may be granted on a discretionary basis for either foreign main or non-main proceedings?	
The provisions of the Bankruptcy Code that automatically apply to debtor property within the US upon recognition of a foreign main proceeding are (11 USC, \S 1520):	
a. automatic stay;	Commented [H(42]: Correct, 1/2 mark
b. operation of a debtor's business in the ordinary course by the foreign rep;	Commented [H(43]: Correct, 1/2 mark
c. sae, use or transfer of property outside the ordinary course; and	Commented [H(44]: Correct, 1/2 mark
d. avoidance of any post-petition transfers and perfection of security interests.	Commented [H(45]: Correct, 1/2 mark
The above relief may also be granted for non-main proceedings on a discretionary basis. In addition, for both foreign main or non-main proceedings, the following relief can be granted on a discretionary basis (11 USC, § 1521):	
a. authorising discovery re a debtor's assets and affairs;	Commented [H(46]: Correct, 1/2 mark
b. entrusting the admin of the debtor's US-based assets to the foreign rep or some	
other person' c. extension of any provisional relief; or d. any other necessary relief.	Commented [H(47]: Correct, 1/2 mark
Question 3.3 [4 marks]	Commented [H(48]: Total marks 4/4
What duties do directors owe to a Delaware corporation in the ordinary course of business? To whom are these duties owed when the corporation is potentially or actually insolvent? What rule protects directors from liability for errors of judgment?	
In the ordinary course of business, directors owe a fiduciary duty of loyalty to the	
corporation's best interests and a duty of care in making educated decisions.	Commented [H(49]: Correct, 1 mark
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Whether a corporation is solvent, insolvent or potentially insolvent, these duties are	
owed to shareholders (not creditors - as confirmed by the <u>Delaware Supreme Court in</u> North Am Catholoic Educational Programming Foundation, Inc v Gheewalla, 930 A.2d	Commented [H(51]: Correct, 1 mark
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The business judgment rule protects directors from liability for errors of judgment. This	Commented [H(52]: Correct, 1 mark
rule operates as a rebuttable presumption whereby, the board of directors is presumed to have acted in good faith on the basis of reasonable information. The presumption can be displaced by showing that the majority of the board were not in fact informed reasonably or did not honestly believe that their decision was in the best interests of the company or were not acting in good faith.	

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Quest	ion 3.4 [5 marks]	Commented [H(53]: Total marks 4.5/5
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	nd describe the requirements that a creditor's claim must fulfill in order to qualify etitioning creditor in an involuntary proceeding.	
The re	equirements include:	
а.	non-contingent claim: a claim that does not depend on the occurrence of a	Commented [H(54]: Correct, 1 mark
	future event. This could include, for example, an unmatured debt (where	Commented [H(55]: Correct, 1/2 mark
	payment is not yet due) where all other requirements for liability, save for time, have occurred.	
b.	the claim is not subject to a bone fide dispute as to liability or amoun <mark>t</mark> : a <i>bone</i>	Commented [H(56]: Correct, 1 mark
	fide dispute will exist over a debt where there is an objectively reasonably basis	
	for a dispute in respect of a matter of fact or law. Should the debtor subjectively	Commented [H(57]: Correct, 1/2 mark
	believe they do not owe the debt or that the amount claimed is incorrect or	
	insufficient, a <i>bone fide</i> dispute will not exist. Any disputed portion of an amount claimed cannot be used to reach the following monetary threshold.	
с.	Unsecured or undersecured, whether separately or in total with all other	Commented [H(58]: Correct, 1 mark
	petitioning creditors' claims, must exceed at least USD 16,750 (or such amount	Commented [H(59]: Correct, 1/2 mark, also the cred
	as is periodically increased with inflation).	assert the debtor is not paying its debts or has had a custo appointed
QUES	TION 4 (fact-based application-type question) [15 marks in total]	Commented [H(60]: Total marks 13/15
Quest	ion 4.1 [5 marks]	Commented [H(61]: Total marks 4.5/5
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-	lation Inc is engaged in day-trading stocks from leased office space with two byees. It funds its trading through a margin loan from its broker, where the shares	
-	chases are held as collateral. For a while, Speculation Inc was very successful in	
-	g, and the US Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced an investigation into	
	er its success was due to illegally trading on insider information. More recently,	
	lation Inc has had serious trading losses, causing its broker to declare a default	
-	e margin loan. It also has fallen behind on its rent, and been sued by a former	
	byee alleging she was fired due to due to gender bias.	
What	would be the effect of a Chapter 11 petition being filed by Speculation Inc on	
	of the (i) DOJ investigation, (ii) margin loan default; (iii) delinquent lease and (iv)	
emplo	oyment discrimination lawsuit?	
On fi	ling of the Chapter 11 proceeding, an estate is created consisting of all	
	lation Inc's property interests as of the petition date. A worldwide stay comes	
	nmediate effect as of the date of filing the petition, providing Speculation Inc.	Commented [H(62]: Correct, 1 mark
	reathing space to formulate a restructuring plan, negotiate with creditors and to	
	e the value of assets in an orderly process.	
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(i)	DOJ investigation: the filing will have no impact on staying this	
	investigation.	Commented [H(63]: Correct, 1 mark
(ii)	<u>Margin loan default</u> : the filing should stay any attempts by the broker to commence litigation, or to enforce or obtain possession or control of the	
	share collateral. If however the contract between the broker and Speculation Inc. is treated as one of a commodity, forward, security or	
	financial repo contract, the stay will not operate in those circumstances.	II Commented [H(64]: Partially correct, 1/2 mark, the ma is a security contract
(iii)	<u>Delinquent lease</u> : the filing will stay any attempts by landlord to claim the rent owed to it by Speculation Inc. The stay will not, however, prevent	
	Speculation Inc. from being evicted where the lease has expired.	Commented [H(65]: Correct, 1 mark
(iv)	Employment discrimination lawsuit: the filing will stay the lawsuit as it is a	
(14)	pre-petition litigation claim that is not subject to any statutory exceptions.	Commented [H(66]: Correct, 1 mark
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