

Annexure I – Syllabus Outline (w.e.f. February 21, 2012)

NISM-Series-I: Currency Derivatives Certification Examination

Objective of the Examination

The examination seeks to create a common minimum knowledge benchmark for persons working in the currency derivative segment, in order to enable a better understanding of currency markets and exchange traded currency derivatives products, better quality investor service, operational process efficiency and risk controls.

On successful completion of the examination the candidate should:

- Know the basics of currency markets and specifically Exchange Traded Currency Derivatives markets.
- Understand the trading, clearing and settlement mechanisms related to Exchange Traded Currency Derivatives markets and basic investment strategies that use currency futures and options products.
- Know the regulatory environment in which the Exchange Traded Currency Derivatives markets operate in India.

Examination Specifications

This is a computer-based examination with multiple choice questions.

The examination is for a total of 100 marks consisting of 100 questions of 1 mark each.

The examination should be completed in 2 hours.

There shall be negative marking of 25% of the marks assigned to a question.

The passing score for the examination is 60 marks.

Syllabus Outline with Weightages

Unit No.	Unit Name	Weightage
Unit 1	Introduction to currency markets	12%
Unit 2	Foreign exchange derivatives	5%
Unit 3	Exchange traded currency futures	6%
Unit 4	Strategies using currency futures	24%
Unit 5	Trading in currency futures	6%
Unit 6	Clearing, Settlement and Risk Management in currency futures	16%
Unit 7	Exchange traded currency options	15%
Unit 8	Accounting and Taxation	5%
Unit 9	Regulatory framework for currency derivatives	6%
Unit 10	Codes of conduct and Investor protection measures	5%