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CURRENCIES - NOTE ON THE EXERCISES

Please find attached three exercises on currencies. You should give me your written answers on Thursday March 26 (session 13)

IMPORTANT REMARKS

(1) You should respect strictly all the rules I have specified in my "note on currencies/foreign exchange and financial derivatives", including the rules as regards the numbers of decimals.

(2) Please note that, for each question, there is only one set of correct answers. Any deviation from these correct answers will be penalized.

(3) You should use all the tools available to check that (a) all your answers make sense, and (b) they are consistent with each other.

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Attachments: mentioned

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CURRENCIES - EXERCISE ONE - QUESTION

Please complete the following table of "cross spot rates" as of February 17, 2020.

	USD	EUR	JPY	CHF	AUD	HKD
USD						
EUR	0.92205					
JPY	109.86497					
CHF	0.98166					
AUD	1.48710					
HKD	7.76648					

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CURRENCIES - EXERCISE TWO - QUESTION

What are the appreciation/the depreciation between January 29, 2019 and February 17, 2020:

- (a) Of the INR against the EUR.
- (b) Of the EUR against the INR.

The exchange rates as of January 29, 2019 were as follows:

INR/USD = 71.099927

EUR/USD = 0.874476

Please prove the consistency between your answers (a) and (b) using the formula linking them.

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CURRENCIES - EXERCISE THREE - QUESTION

On February 27, 2020, what were the "bid/offer spreads" (expressed in percentages with two decimals) for (a) the USD/EUR exchange rate, (b) the JPY/EUR exchange rate, and (c) GBP/EUR for banknotes ?

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Overview

	USD	EUR	JPY	GBP	CHF	CAD	AUD	HKD
USD	-	1.0788	0.0089	1.2879	1.0163	0.7541	0.6616	0.1285
EUR	0.9270	-	0.0083	1.1938	0.9420	0.6990	0.6133	0.1191
JPY	112.0600	120.8903	-	144.3221	113.8821	84.5034	74.1389	14.4025
GBP	0.7765	0.8376	0.0069	-	0.7891	0.5855	0.5137	0.0998
CHF	0.9840	1.0615	0.0088	1.2673	-	0.7420	0.6510	0.1265
CAD	1.3261	1.4306	0.0118	1.7079	1.3477	-	0.8773	0.1704
AUD	1.5115	1.6306	0.0135	1.9466	1.5361	1.1398	-	0.1943
HKD	7.7806	8.3937	0.0694	10.0206	7.9071	5.8673	5.1476	-

Americas

	USD	PEN	MXN	BRL	ARS	CLP	COP	EUR
USD	-	0.2949	0.0531	0.2277	0.0162	0.0012	0.0003	1.0788
PEN	3.3913	-	0.1801	0.7723	0.0549	0.0042	0.0010	3.6585
MXN	18.8306	5.5526	-	4.2883	0.3048	0.0233	0.0055	20.3145

EXERCISE ON CURRENCIES - APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION

Questions

What are the appreciation/depreciation between May 9, 2018 and February 9, 2019:

- (1) Of the GBP against the EUR.
- (2) Of the EUR against the GBP.

Important remarks

- (a) Please take into account all the requirements specified in my "note on currencies/foreign exchange".
- (b) Please do the "verification" specified in that note.

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Attachment: exchange rates on May 9, 2018.

EXERCISE ON CURRENCIES - APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION

Exchange rates on May 9, 2018

GBP/USD = 0.736337

EUR/USD = 0.843007

GBP/EUR = $0.736337 / 0.843007 = 0.873465$

EUR/GBP = $0.843007 / 0.736337 = 1.14487$

Exchange rates on February 9, 2019

GBP/USD = 0.772773

EUR/USD = 0.883324

GBP/EUR = $0.772773 / 0.883324 = 0.874847$

EUR/GBP = $0.883324 / 0.772773 = 1.14306$

Appreciation/depreciation

(1) Of the GBP against the EUR (use the EUR/GBP exchange rates)

$1.14306 - 1.14487$

----- = - 1.58% (depreciation)

1.14487

(2) Of the EUR against the GBP (use the GBP/EUR exchange rates)

$0.874847 - 0.873465$

----- = + 1.59% (appreciation)

0.873465

Verification

$(1 + 1.59\%) \times (1 - 1.58\%) = 1.0159 \times 0.9842 =$

$= 0.999849$

Verified

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Foreign currency exchange rates – banknotes

February 9, 2020



United States

Dollar

USD

You buy at : 1,075

You sell at : 1,114



United Kingdom

Pound

GBP

You buy at : 0,833

You sell at : 0,864



Japan

Yen

JPY

You buy at : 117,6

You sell at : 122,0



Canada

Dollar

CAD

You buy at : 1,431

You sell at : 1,480