

coefficients from their theoretical levels:

7. a. Using regression analysis, calculate the factor betas of each stock associated with each of the common risk factors. Which of these coefficients are statistically significant?
- b. How well does the factor model explain the variation in portfolio returns? On what basis can you make an evaluation of this nature?
- c. Suppose you are now told that the three factors in Exhibit 9.12 represent the risk exposures in the Fama-French characteristic-based model (i.e., excess market, *SMB*, and *HML*). Based on your regression results, which one of these factors is the most likely to be the market factor? Explain why.
- d. Suppose it is further revealed that Factor 3 is the *HML* factor. Which of the two portfolios is most likely to be a growth-oriented fund and which is a value-oriented fund? Explain why.