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When comparing exchanged-traded and over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives, which of the following differences between the two markets is correct?

- A) Novation of contracts may be problematic given the lack of fungibility in the OTC markets. 
- B) OTC derivatives are typically shorter term and are settled within a few days. 
- C) OTC derivatives are standardized contracts with a liquid, active, and regulated market. 
- D) Exchange-traded derivatives are privately negotiated bilateral contracts transacted in a market with little or no regulation. 

Explanation





Novation of contracts (i.e., replacement of contracts) may be problematic given the lack of fungibility in the OTC markets. In other words, contracts typically cannot be easily closed out given a lack of substitution between contracts. Exchange-traded derivatives are standardized contracts with a liquid, active, and regulated market, and are typically shorter term and are settled within a few days. OTC derivatives are privately negotiated bilateral contracts transacted in a market with little or no regulation.

(Book 3, Module 31.2, LO 31.f)

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Regarding the functions of exchanges, which of the following statements is incorrect?

- A) Exchanges may be physical locations or electronic platforms that provide a central location for trading, which then facilitates price discovery. 
- B) Exchanges set the terms of traded, standardized products. 
- C) Exchanges report transaction prices to various entities, including trading participants, vendors, and subscribers. 
- D) Entities trading on an exchange may opt out of the exchange's rules and conditions. 

Explanation

Exchange functions fall into three primary categories: product standardization, trading venue, and reporting services. Regarding trading venues, exchanges may be physical locations or electronic platforms that provide a central location for trading, which then facilitates price discovery. Entities trading on an exchange must accept the exchange's rules and conditions.

(Book 3, Module 31.1, LO 31.a)

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Which of the following classes of derivatives securities dominates the OTC market in terms of total gross notional value outstanding?

- A) Credit default swaps. 
- B) Interest rate derivatives. 
- C) Commodity derivatives. 
- D) Foreign exchange derivatives. 

Explanation





Interest rate derivatives dominate the five classes and comprise nearly three quarters of the total gross notional outstanding. As of June 2013, interest rate derivatives had a gross notional value outstanding of \$561.3 trillion, which represented 84% of the total gross notional value of OTC derivatives of \$668 trillion.

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Richard Wilson is concerned about the credit risk on a particular over-the-counter (OTC) contract. How does the process of collateralization work in the OTC market?

- A) There is a mark to market feature and losses are settled in cash daily. 
- B) Collateral is held by the exchange and losses are covered via the collateral at conclusion of the contract term. 
- C) There is no collateralization process in the OTC market. 
- D) Collateral is posted and losses are guaranteed by the exchange. 

Explanation

The OTC market does not have a formal exchange. Credit risk is lessened through collateralization. Losses are settled in cash at the end of each day. The process is similar to trading on margin.

(Book 3, Module 31.2, LO 31.h)