

1. Under normal conditions, longer maturities bring both higher yields-to-maturity and higher credit spreads. An investor who buys a bond longer than her horizon and an issuer who funds a long project with shorter debt take on, respectively:

- a. No added risk in either case, only a higher yield
- b. Rollover risk, and price and reinvestment risk
- c. Price risk, and rollover risk

2. Because a high-yield issuer's cash flows are more equity-like and uncertain than an investment-grade issuer's, analysts of the high-yield issuer place greater emphasis on:

- a. The potential loss given default and the protections available
- b. The government benchmark component of the yield
- c. The issuer's dividend growth prospects

3. Compared with an investment-grade senior unsecured note, a secured high-yield note most likely adds:

- a. A claim to pledged assets but fewer covenants overall
- b. Only a restriction on sale-and-leaseback transactions
- c. A claim to pledged assets together with leverage and distribution covenants

4. Alderton Industries can comfortably service its debt from operating cash flows. This strength most directly lets it:

- a. Attribute most of its yield to an issuer-specific spread
- b. Borrow only at short maturities under heavy covenants
- c. Borrow with little monitoring, few covenants, and long maturities

5. Bellhaven Resources has a high likelihood of financial distress. Its long-term debt is therefore most consistent with:

- a. Uniformly non-callable and unsecured bonds
- b. A larger spread share of yield, more covenants, and shorter maturities
- c. A smaller spread share of yield, fewer covenants, and longer maturities

6. A frequent investment-grade issuer holds many similar general-obligation unsecured bonds outstanding and staggers their maturities. The main purpose is to:

- a. Push every maturity below ten years
- b. Reduce rollover risk while still issuing opportunistically
- c. Raise the credit spread on each new bond

7. Danforth Energy, a high-yield issuer expecting its credit to improve, issues callable bonds. The call benefits the issuer as borrowing costs fall, while for investors it means their:

- a. Price gains from tightening spreads are capped at the call price
- b. Price gains from tightening spreads are amplified
- c. Coupon rises automatically as spreads tighten

8. A bond once sold to investment-grade investors is downgraded to high yield. Although its distress likelihood now resembles other high-yield issuers, the bond most likely:

- a. Gains value as constrained investors add to positions
- b. Converts at once to a callable, heavily covenanted structure
- c. Keeps investment-grade features yet faces forced selling and price falls

9. Analyst Mara Nilsson contrasts how the two issuer types capture lower borrowing costs. Unlike an investment-grade issuer, a high-yield issuer most often must:

- a. Rely on a benchmark-heavy yield with few restrictions
- b. Restructure debt and renegotiate covenants, amid greater cyclical swings in availability
- c. Issue opportunistically whenever conditions allow

10. To retain financial flexibility, high-yield issuers most often turn to:

- a. Leveraged loans with prepayment features or bonds with contingency features
- b. General-obligation unsecured bonds with few covenants
- c. Long-dated non-callable bonds placed with rating-constrained investors