

## Section 2: Guided Reading and Review **Bonds and Other Financial Assets**

## A. As You Read

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As you read Section 2, answer the questions on the lines provided.

- 1. How does an investor earn money by buying bonds at a discount?
- 2. What are Standard & Poor's and Moody's ratings based on?
- 3. What advantages do bonds offer to firms that issue them?
- 4. What disadvantage do bonds present for the issuer?
- 5. (a) What types of government bonds are available to investors?
  - (b) Which type offers the greatest tax advantage?
- 6. What three organizations help ensure value and prevent dishonesty in the bond market?
- 7. (a) What is the investment advantage of money market mutual funds over CDs and savings accounts?
  - (b) What is the disadvantage?
- 8. (a) In financial asset markets, how do capital markets differ from money markets?
  - (b) How do primary markets differ from secondary markets?

## **B. Reviewing Key Terms**

Define the following terms.

**9.** maturity \_\_\_\_\_

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- 10. corporate bond
- 11. junk bond
- 12. coupon rate \_\_\_\_