# Chartered Market Technician (CMT) Program Level 3 Spring 2012 Reading Assignments

**CMT 3 candidates** are expected to demonstrate his/her proficiency in the **integration** of the various indicators and concepts associated with technical analysis. The CMT 3 Exam is in essay format and is computerized. Level 3 **Exam** information follows.

The CMT Level 3 Exam will test the CMT candidate on the development of logical, thorough research opinions, portfolio strategies or trading decisions predicated on the integration of a wide range of charts, indicators and other technical concepts and data.

Exam time length: 4 hours

Exam format: Essay

Points: 240

Charts will be on screen and chart books will be provided. Ethics will be tested and must be passed by all candidates.

Listed below and on the following page are the reading assignments for the CMT Level 3 Exam. The CMT candidate is responsible for knowing and understanding the entire list of reading assignments, in addition to the CMT 1 and 2 reading assignments.

### **CMT Level 3 Exam Reading Assignments**

- 1) MTA Code of Ethics (attached at the end of this document)
- 2) Brown, Constance M., Technical Analysis for the Trading Professional, McGraw-Hill, c.1999, ISBN 10:0-07-012062-5

#### **Chapters:**

- 1. Oscillators Do Not Travel Between 1 and 100
- 2. Dominant Trading Cycles Are Not Time Symmetrical
- 3. Choosing and Adjusting Period Setup for Oscillators
- 4. Dominant Trend Lines Are Not Always From Extreme Price High or Lows
- 5. Signals From Moving Averages Are Frequently Absent in Real-Time Charts
- 6. Adjusting Traditional Fibonacci Projections for Higher-Probability Targets
- 7. Price Projections by Reverse Engineering Indicators
- 8. Price Objectives Derived From Positive and Negative Reversals in RSI
- 9. Calculating Price and Time Objectives from a Gann Wheel
- 10. Using Oscillators with the Elliott Wave Principle
- 11. Volatility Bands on Oscillators

**3)** Frost, A.J. and Prechter, Robert R., **Elliott Wave Principle, Tenth Edition,** New Classics Library, Gainesville, GA c. 1978-2005, ISBN 0-932750-75-3

#### **Chapters:**

All chapters

**4)** Murphy, John J., <u>Intermarket Analysis: Profiting From Global Market Relationships</u>, John Wiley & Sons Inc., c.2004, ISBN 0-471-02329-9

#### **Chapters:**

- 1. A Review of the 1980s
- 2. 1990 and the First Persian Gulf War
- 3. The Stealth Bear Market of 1994
- 4. The 1997 Asian Currency Crisis and Deflation
- 5. 1999 Intermarket Trends Leading to Market Top
- 6. Review of Intermarket Principles
- 7. The NASDAQ Bubble Bursts in 2000
- 8. Intermarket Picture in Spring 2003
- 9. Falling Dollar During 2002 Boosts Commodities
- 10. Shifting from paper to Hard Assets
- 11. Futures Markets and Asset Allocation
- 12. Intermarket Analysis and the Business cycle
- 13. The Impact of the Business Cycle on Market Sectors
- 14. Diversifying with Real Estate
- 15. Thinking Globally
- 5) Nison, Steve, <u>Japanese Candlestick Charting Techniques</u>, 2nd Edition, New York Institute of Finance, c.2001, ISBN 0-7352-0181-1

#### **Chapters:**

- 10. A Cluster of Candles
- 11. Candles With Trend Lines
- 12. Candles With Retracement Levels
- 13. Candles With Moving Averages
- 14. Candles With Oscillators
- 15. Candles With Volume
- 16. Measure Moves
- 17. The Best of the East and West: The Power of Convergence
- 6) Shiller, Robert J., Irrational Exuberance, 2nd Edition, Princeton University Press, c.2005, ISBN 0-691-12335-7

#### **Chapters:**

**All Chapters** 

**7)** Jeremy du Plessis: <u>The Definitive Guide to Point and Figure</u>, Harriman House Ltd., c.2005, ISBN 1-897-59763-0. Click on the following link to buy it at an MTA member's special discount: <u>www.updata.co.uk/shop/mtabookoffer.asp</u>

#### **Chapters:**

**All Chapters** 

## Market Technicians Association CODE OF ETHICS

Amended December 2004

The Market Technicians Association has established ethical standards of professional conduct which every Member and Affiliate shall maintain. The Ethical Standards set forth in 1 through 9 serve as a guide of professional responsibility and as a benchmark for ethical judgment.

1. Members and Affiliates shall maintain at all times the highest standards of professional competence, integrity and judgment. Said standards should be maintained, and members and affiliates should act with dignity and in an ethical manner when dealing with the public, clients, prospects, employees, fellow Members and Affiliates and business associates.

This ethical standard requires strict compliance with the applicable laws and regulations of any government, governmental agency and regulatory organization which has jurisdiction over the professional activities of Members and Affiliates.

This same ethical standard requires that Members and Affiliates abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and all rules promulgated by its Board of Directors. Members and Affiliates shall not unduly exploit their relationship with the Association for commercial purposes, nor use, or permit others to use, Association mailing lists for other than Association purposes.

- 2. Members and Affiliates shall not publish or make statements which they know or have reason to believe are inaccurate or misleading. Members and Affiliates shall avoid leading others to believe that their technically-derived views of future security price behavior reflect foreknowledge rather than estimates and projections subject to reexamination and, as events may dictate, to change.
- 3. Members and Affiliates shall not publish or make statements concerning the technical position of a security, a market or any of its components or aspects unless such statements are reasonable and consistent in light of the available evidence and of the accumulated knowledge in the field of financial technical analysis. New methods of technical analysis and modifications of existing concepts and techniques shall be fully documented as to procedure and rationale. Proprietary methods shall not be infringed, but this standard shall be a guide in the creation of proprietary products.
- 4. Members and Affiliates shall not publish or make statements which indefensibly disparage and discredit the analytical work of others.
- 5. Members and Affiliates shall not seek, disseminate or act on the basis of material, non-public (inside) information, if to do so would violate the laws and regulations of any government, governmental agency or regulatory organization relating to the use of inside information.
- 6. Members and Affiliates shall keep in confidence knowledge concerning the lawful private affairs of both past and present clients, employers, and employer's clients.
- 7. When a Member or Affiliate recommends that a security ought to be bought, sold or held, adequate opportunity to act on such a recommendation shall be given to the Member's or Affiliate's clients, employer, and the employer's clients before acting on behalf of either the Member's or Affiliate's own account or the accounts of immediate family members.
- 8. Members and Affiliates shall not copy or deliberately use substantially the same language or analysis contained in reports, studies or writings prepared by any author unless permission to do so is received, in advance, from the author. In the event the original author is deceased, or is otherwise unavailable to grant such permission, Members and Affiliates must ensure that the original author receives prominent and adequate credit for the original work.
- 9. Members who have earned the CMT designation shall use CMT after their name whenever and wherever appropriate.