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Opintojakson koodi, nimi ja tentin numero / The code and the name of the course and number of the exam:
S721191 Financial Accounting Theory

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Sallitut apuvälineet rastitettu/ The devices allowed in the exam
Laskin (ei graafinen/ohjelmoitava)/Calculator (not graphic, programmable) Sallittu/Allowed
Sanakirja/Dictionary: Ei sallittu/Not allowed

Voit vastata tenttiin / You may answer the questions: suomeksi/ in Finnish: kyllä/Yes,
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Kysymyspaperi on palautettava / Paper with exam questions must be returned: Ei/No

Käytä vastauksissasi kokonaisia virkkeitä. Please answer to the following questions using full sentences.

1. Describe what is meant by decision usefulness approach to financial accounting and reporting. Decision usefulness has two perspectives: information perspective and measurement perspective. Please compare these two perspectives to each other. Why these two perspectives are needed? (Scott, lectures)
2. What is meant by conditional and unconditional conservatism in accounting? Please explain which four predictions Basu (1997) made related to earnings timeliness and earnings persistence in reporting of bad and good news caused by conditional conservatism in earnings. What does Basu find out?
3. Imagine that you should construct a research design to answer whether investor sophistication is related to the magnitude of post-earnings-announcement drift.
 - a) Explain why this type of research question is relevant in terms of the decision usefulness approach to financial accounting and reporting.
 - b) Please formulate a testable model and provide relevant hypotheses. If you wish, you may use Bartov, Radhakrishnan and Krinsky's (2000) study methodology.
4. Please describe what is meant by the term economic consequences of accounting standards. Please use two examples from managerial compensation plan (compensation based on executive stock options and compensation based on net income) that illustrates the meaning of this concept. How positive accounting theory is related to this? (Scott, lectures)