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20 One-Liners to Remember

Quick-fire facts for last-minute revision.

- 1 Collateral is the asset a bank holds to fall back on if a borrower defaults on a loan.**
It converts an unsecured repayment promise into a recoverable asset for the lending bank.
- 2 The seven classic collateral types covered in JAIIB PPB are goods, gold, documents of title, life insurance, land and buildings, time deposits, and shares.**
Each of these carries a distinct charge type and risk profile tested in the exam.
- 3 Primary security is the asset directly created out of the loan, such as stock financed by a cash credit.**
This is distinct from collateral security, which is an additional asset pledged to back the loan.
- 4 When possession of goods is transferred to the banker, a pledge is created.**
This is contrasted with hypothecation, where possession stays with the borrower.
- 5 When possession of goods stays with the borrower, the charge created is hypothecation.**
Hypothecation lets the borrower retain and use the goods while the bank holds a charge over them.

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- 6 Gold is described as popular collateral because it is liquid, easy to value, and simple to store.**

These qualities make gold loans one of the lowest-risk securities a banker can hold.

- 7 A document of title to goods is defined under Section 2 of the Sale of Goods Act as proof of possession or control of goods.**

Common examples include a bill of lading, a railway receipt, and a warehouse receipt.

- 8 The charge created on a life insurance policy used as collateral is an assignment in the bank's favour.**

The bank lends against the policy's surrender value once assigned.

- 9 Children's policies and policies with nominations under Section 6 of the Married Women's Property Act are generally not acceptable as security.**

Proceeds under such policies are protected for specific beneficiaries, so the bank cannot freely realise their value.

- 10 The charge created over land and buildings taken as collateral is a mortgage.**

Immovable property is strong security but is not self-liquidating in nature.

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- 11 Recovery of dues secured by land and buildings can be pursued in a civil court or before the Debt Recovery Tribunal.**

This legal route is followed when a bank must sell mortgaged property to recover outstanding dues.

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- 12 A loan against a fixed or time deposit is described as among the safest advances a bank can make.**

This is safest when the borrower holds the term deposit with the same lending bank.

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- 13 The charge created on a time deposit taken as collateral is a lien, with the deposit lien-marked in favour of the bank.**

On default, the bank can set off the deposit against the outstanding dues with minimal risk.

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- 14 Advances against shares are governed by Sections 19(2), 19(3), and 20(1)(a) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.**

These sections set out the legal framework banks must follow for share-backed advances.

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- 15 No advance should be granted against partially paid-up shares.**

This is one of the RBI-aligned guidelines banks must follow for share advances.

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- 16 Banks generally accept shares held in dematerialised form, with the charge created by pledge of the demat securities.**

This is the standard modern method for creating security over listed shares.

- 17 Confusing pledge and hypothecation is listed as a common mistake among JAIIB PPB candidates.**

Possession transferred means pledge, while possession retained by the borrower means hypothecation.

- 18 Gold loan tenure is described as typically ranging from 3 months to 36 months.**

Repayment options for gold loans can include regular EMI or interest-only structures before principal repayment.

- 19 Investigating ownership rights through a clear title search is a key consideration when taking land and buildings as collateral.**

A defective title can make even a high-value property worthless as security.

- 20 There is a real possibility of fraud, forgery, and alteration when documents of title to goods are used as security.**

A banker must verify such documents are genuine and unencumbered before lending against them.

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