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## Introduction

This examination guide has been produced by the Examinations Department at the Chartered Insurance Institute to assist students in their preparation for the WH1 examination. It contains a specimen examination with answer key.

Ideally, students should have completed the majority of their studies before attempting the specimen examination. Students should allow themselves two hours to complete the examination. They should then review their performance to identify areas of weakness on which to concentrate the remainder of their study time.

Although the specimen examination in this guide is typical of a WH1 examination, it should be noted that it is not possible to test every single aspect of the syllabus in any one particular examination. To prepare properly for the examination, candidates should make full use of the tuition options available and read as widely as possible to ensure that the whole syllabus has been covered. They should also endeavour to keep as up-to-date as possible with developments in the industry by reading the periodicals listed in the WH1 reading list, which is located on the syllabus in this examination guide and on the CII website at [www.cii.co.uk](http://www.cii.co.uk).

## Background Information

CII examination questions undergo a rigorous writing and editing process before reaching an examination. The questions are written to strict guidelines by practitioners with relevant technical knowledge and experience. Questions are very carefully worded to ensure that all the information required to answer the question is provided in a clear and concise manner. They are then edited by an independent panel of experienced practitioners who have been specifically trained to ensure that questions are technically correct, clear and unambiguous. As a final check, each examination is scrutinised by the Senior Examiner and a CII assessment expert.

Occasionally a question will require amendment after the examination guide is first published. In such an event, the revised question will be published on the CII website:

- 1) Visit [www.cii.co.uk/learning/qualifications/award-in-general-insurance-hong-kong-qualification/](http://www.cii.co.uk/learning/qualifications/award-in-general-insurance-hong-kong-qualification/)
- 2) Select 'exam guide update' on the right hand side of the page.

Candidates should also refer here for the latest information on changes to law and practice and when they will be examined.

## Syllabus

The WH1 syllabus is published on the CII website at [www.cii.co.uk](http://www.cii.co.uk). **Candidates should note that the examination is based on the syllabus, rather than on any particular tuition material.** Of course, the tuition material will provide the vast majority of the information required to perform well in the examination, but the CII recommends that students consult other reference materials to supplement their studies.

Supporting information for the syllabus which contains a detailed overview of the areas covered can be found on the unit page. Select Supporting information for the 2024/2025 syllabus on the right-hand side of the page.

## Skill Specification

The skill level tested in each examination question is determined by the syllabus. Each learning outcome specifies the level of skill required of candidates and thus the level at which candidates may be tested. Learning outcomes for WH1 begin with *know* or *understand*. Different skill levels lead to different types of question, examples of which follow.

*Know* - Knowledge-based questions require the candidate to recall factual information. Typically questions may ask 'What', 'When' or 'Who'. Questions set on a *know* learning outcome can only test knowledge.

*Understand* - To answer questions based on understanding, the candidate must be able to link pieces of information together in cause-and-effect relationships. Typically questions may ask 'Why'. Questions set on an *understand* learning outcome can test either knowledge or understanding or both.

## Examination Information

The method of assessment for the WH1 examination is 100 multiple choice questions (MCQs). 2 hours are allowed for this examination.

The WH1 syllabus provided in this examination guide will be examined from 1 May 2024 until 30 April 2025.

Candidates will be examined on the basis of Hong Kong law and practice unless otherwise stated.

The general rule is that legislative and industry changes will not be examined earlier than 3 months after they come into effect.

A multiple choice question consists of a problem followed by four options, labelled A, B, C and D, from which the candidate is asked to choose the correct response. Each question will contain only one correct response to the problem posed.

One mark is awarded for each correct response identified by the candidate. No mark is awarded if the candidate either chooses an incorrect response, chooses more than one response or fails to choose any response. No marks are deducted for candidates choosing an incorrect response.

While no questions involve complex calculations, candidates are permitted to use calculators during the examination. If you bring a calculator into the examination room, it must be a silent battery or solar-powered non-programmable calculator. The use of electronic equipment capable of being programmed to hold alphabetic or numerical data and/or formulae is prohibited. You may use a financial or scientific calculator, provided it meets these requirements.

Candidates are permitted to make rough notes. Candidates are **not** permitted, under any circumstances, to remove any papers relating to the examination from the examination room.

## Examination Technique: Multiple Choice Questions

The best approach to multiple choice examinations is to work methodically through the questions.

The questions are worded very carefully to ensure that all the information required is presented in a concise and clear manner. It cannot be emphasised too strongly that understanding the precise meaning of the question is vital. If candidates miss a crucial point when reading the question it could result in choosing the wrong option. Candidates should read carefully through the question and all the options before attempting to answer.

Candidates should pay particular attention to any words in the question which are emphasised in bold type, for example, **maximum**, **minimum**, **main**, **most**, **normally** and **usually**. Negative wording is further emphasised by the use of capital letters, for example **NOT**, **CANNOT**.

Candidates should not spend too much time on any one question. If they cannot make up their mind, they should leave the question and come back to it later.

When all of the questions have been answered, it is prudent to use any remaining time to go through each question again, carefully, to double-check that nothing has been missed. Altering just one incorrect response to a correct response could make the difference between passing and failing.

## Before the Examination

Before sitting the examination, please visit the preparation page on the CII website to familiarise yourself with the different requirements for sittings via remote invigilation and at an exam centre [www.cii.co.uk/learning/qualifications/assessment-information/before-the-exam/](http://www.cii.co.uk/learning/qualifications/assessment-information/before-the-exam/)

## After the Examination

Rigorous checks are made to ensure the correctness of the results issued. A pre-defined quota of passes to be awarded does not exist. If all candidates achieve a score of at least the pass mark, then all candidates will be awarded a pass grade. Individual feedback on the candidate's examination performance is automatically provided and will indicate the result achieved and, for each syllabus learning outcome, the percentage of questions in the examination that were answered correctly.

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## Objective

At the end of this unit, candidates should be able to understand, in the context of the Hong Kong insurance market, the:

- basic principles of insurance;
- main legal principles related to insurance contracts;
- main regulatory principles related to insurance business;
- key elements of consumer protection.

Summary of learning outcomes	Number of questions in the examination*
1. Understand the nature and main features of risk and insurance.	20
2. Know the structure and main features of the Hong Kong insurance market.	11
3. Know the main functions of insurance professionals.	11
4. Understand the main legal principles governing insurance contracts.	42
5. Understand the main regulatory and legal principles applicable to the transaction of insurance business in Hong Kong.	14
6. Know key aspects of ethics, corporate governance and internal controls.	2

\* The test specification has an in-built element of flexibility. It is designed to be used as a guide for study and is not a statement of actual number of questions that will appear in every exam. However, the number of questions testing each learning outcome will generally be within the range plus or minus 2 of the number indicated.

## Important notes

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  3. Select your unit from the list provided
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**1. Understand the nature and main features of risk and insurance.**

- 1.1 Explain the concept of risk and risk perception.
- 1.2 Explain how different risks are categorised.
- 1.3 Explain the risk management function and process.
- 1.4 Explain the components of risk.
- 1.5 Apply the principles of risk to a given set of circumstances.
- 1.6 Explain the need for insurance.
- 1.7 Explain what is meant by co-insurance, dual insurance and self-insurance.
- 1.8 Explain the main classes of insurance in outline.

**2. Know the structure and main features of the Hong Kong insurance market.**

- 2.1 Explain the way in which the Hong Kong insurance market is structured and its role in the global insurance market.
- 2.2 Explain the different types of insurers.
- 2.3 Explain the unique structure and main features of Lloyd's.
- 2.4 Explain the different distribution channels used for the selling of insurance.

**3. Know the main functions of insurance professionals.**

- 3.1 Explain the key roles within the insurance profession.

**4. Understand the main legal principles governing insurance contracts.**

- 4.1 Explain the essentials of a valid contract of insurance.
- 4.2 Explain how contracts of insurance can be terminated.
- 4.3 Explain the creation of an agency and how it is binding.
- 4.4 Describe the duties of an agent and the duties of a principal.
- 4.5 Explain the requirements for insurable interest in insurance contracts.
- 4.6 Explain how the principles of disclosure and representation apply to contracts of insurance.
- 4.7 Explain the definition of proximate cause and how it is applied to non-complex claims.
- 4.8 Explain the principle of indemnity and how it is provided under most insurance contracts.
- 4.9 Explain how the principle of indemnity can be modified by insurance contracts.
- 4.10 Explain underinsurance and average.
- 4.11 Explain the basic principle of contribution and how it applies to the sharing of claim payments in straightforward property cases.
- 4.12 Explain the principle of subrogation.

**5. Understand the main regulatory and legal principles applicable to the transaction of insurance business in Hong Kong.**

- 5.1 Explain the importance of the regulation of the Hong Kong insurance industry.
- 5.2 Understand the importance of establishing and maintaining capital adequacy.
- 5.3 Understand the importance of combating financial crime.
- 5.4 Explain fraud and how it impacts the insurance industry.

**6. Know key aspects of ethics, corporate governance and internal controls.**

- 6.1 Explain the functions of the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII).
- 6.2 Explain the importance of the fair treatment of customers and positive customer outcomes.
- 6.3 Understand the objectives of 'fit and proper' requirements and the risks of unsuitability.
- 6.4 Explain the importance of internal control systems.



## Reading list

The following list provides details of further reading which may assist you with your studies.

### **Note: The examination will test the syllabus alone.**

The reading list is provided for guidance only and is not in itself the subject of the examination.

The resources listed here will help you keep up-to-date with developments and provide a wider coverage of syllabus topics.

### **CII study texts**

Award in General Insurance (Hong Kong). London: CII. Coursebook WH1.

### **Books (and eBooks)**

A beginner's guide to the insurance profession. Johnsie Gladney. New Delhi: World Technologies, 2012.\*

Insurance claims. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Alison Padfield. Bloomsbury Professional, 2021.

Insurance law: an introduction. Robert Merkin. London: Routledge, 2007.\*

Insurance theory and practice. Rob Thoyts. Routledge, 2010.\*

Lloyd's: law and practice. 1st ed. Julian Burling. Oxon: Informa Law, 2013.\*

Research handbook on international insurance law and regulation. Julian Burling, Kevin Lazarus. London: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2011.\*

World insurance: the evolution of a global risk network. Peter Borscheid, Niels Viggo Haueter. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.\*

### **Reports**

Governance, risk and compliance. The Hong Kong insurance industry. Timetric. Updated regularly. Available online via [www.cii.co.uk/forecastreports](http://www.cii.co.uk/forecastreports) (members only).

Non-life insurance industry in Hong Kong, key trends and opportunities. Timetric. Updated annually. Available online via [www.cii.co.uk/forecastreports](http://www.cii.co.uk/forecastreports) (members only).

Personal accident and health insurance in Hong Kong, key trends and opportunities. Timetric. Updated annually. Available online via [www.cii.co.uk/forecastreports](http://www.cii.co.uk/forecastreports) (members only).

### **Journals and magazines**

The Journal. London: CII. Six issues a year.

### **Reference materials**

Concise encyclopedia of insurance terms. Laurence S. Silver, et al. New York: Routledge, 2010.\*

Dictionary of insurance. C Bennett. 2nd ed. London: Pearson Education, 2004.

The insurance manual. Stourbridge, West Midlands: Insurance Publishing & Printing Co. Looseleaf, updated.

## Examination guide

If you have a current study text enrolment, the current examination guide is included and is accessible via Revisionmate ([ciigroup.org/login](http://ciigroup.org/login)). Details of how to access Revisionmate are on the first page of your study text. It is recommended that you only study from the most recent version of the examination guide.

## Exam technique/study skills

There are many modestly priced guides available in bookshops. You should choose one which suits your requirements.

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\* Also available as an eBook through eLibrary via [www.cii.co.uk/elibrary](http://www.cii.co.uk/elibrary) (CII/PFS members only).

1. Which type of risk arises from a cause outside the control of any one individual and affects a large number of people?
  - A. A fundamental risk.
  - B. A particular risk.
  - C. A pure risk.
  - D. A speculative risk.
  
2. By operating a pooling of risk system, the law of large numbers assists insurers to make reliable
  - A. claim payment predictions.
  - B. investment return predictions.
  - C. new business predictions.
  - D. premium income predictions.
  
3. Lloyd's syndicate A underwrites 60% of a risk, syndicate B underwrites 25% and syndicate C underwrites the remaining 15%. Collectively the syndicates are acting as
  - A. coinsurers.
  - B. composite insurers.
  - C. dual insurers.
  - D. reinsurers.
  
4. From an insurer's point of view, risk can be defined as the
  - A. certainty of loss.
  - B. frequency of loss.
  - C. measure of loss.
  - D. possibility of loss.
  
5. Which category of risk has the three possible outcomes of a loss, a break-even or a gain?
  - A. A fundamental risk.
  - B. A particular risk.
  - C. A pure risk.
  - D. A speculative risk.
  
6. Why do underwriters regard risk management as being important?
  - A. It reduces the potential for loss and assists in quantifying risks.
  - B. It is a fee-earning opportunity and encourages customer loyalty.
  - C. It is the only way to assess and quantify the sums insured at risk.
  - D. It is the only way for an insurer to gain an understanding of a policyholder's business.
  
7. In terms of frequency and severity, the risk of an explosion aboard an oil rig is classed by insurers as
  - A. high frequency, high severity.
  - B. high frequency, low severity.
  - C. low frequency, low severity.
  - D. low frequency, high severity.

8. In order to insure a risk in the general insurance market, a risk **must** be
- A. avoidable.
  - B. fortuitous.
  - C. inevitable.
  - D. unavoidable.
9. What is the **key** factor which distinguishes a pure risk from a speculative risk?
- A. A pure risk excludes the possibility of a gain.
  - B. A pure risk excludes consequential loss.
  - C. A speculative risk excludes social and economic factors.
  - D. A speculative risk excludes non-financial losses.
10. A hazard is defined as something which
- A. can adversely affect the risk to be insured.
  - B. does not affect the risk to be insured.
  - C. is always covered by an insurance policy.
  - D. is always excluded from an insurance policy.
11. In relation to insurance, a peril is
- A. an event which may give rise to a loss.
  - B. the chance of an event which may give rise to a loss.
  - C. an internal feature that increases the chance of an event which may give rise to a loss.
  - D. an external feature that increases the chance of an event which may give rise to a loss.
12. What is the presence of flammable composite panels in the construction of a factory building **best** described as?
- A. A fundamental risk.
  - B. A hazard.
  - C. A peril.
  - D. A pure risk.
13. In financial terms, why is insurance, as a means of risk transfer, attractive to a policyholder?
- A. The policyholder's premiums are never liable to be taxed.
  - B. The policyholder is able to swap an unknown future loss with a specified cost now.
  - C. The policyholder's cash flow is always improved by the upfront payment of the premium.
  - D. The policyholder's premium is always less than potential future claims.
14. How does the provision of insurance help the cash flow of a business?
- A. It lessens the need for the business to keep cash reserves.
  - B. It prevents losses which could interrupt the business operation from occurring.
  - C. It provides for the payment of cash if the business makes a trading loss.
  - D. It underwrites the debts owed by the business.

15. The **main** benefit to an individual when insuring his house is that
- A. it reduces the chance of damage to the property.
  - B. mortgage or rental costs are lower.
  - C. maintenance costs are covered.
  - D. the risk of a loss is transferred.
16. A large company has decided to set aside money to settle frequent small losses that occur. This is known as
- A. coinsurance.
  - B. dual insurance.
  - C. reinsurance.
  - D. self-insurance.
17. A comprehensive policy is an example of which class of insurance?
- A. Motor insurance.
  - B. Pecuniary insurance.
  - C. Property insurance.
  - D. Travel insurance.
18. Which type of insurance policy provides cover in the event of the misappropriation of goods by an employee?
- A. An employers' liability insurance policy.
  - B. A fidelity guarantee insurance policy.
  - C. A money insurance policy.
  - D. A business interruption insurance policy.
19. Dual insurance exists when
- A. more than one insurer insures a proportion of the same risk.
  - B. more than one policy covers the same risk.
  - C. part of the risk is carried by a reinsurer.
  - D. part of the risk is carried by the insured.
20. Which basic principle ensures the premium payable under a contents insurance policy is equitable and reflects the level of risk brought to the insurer?
- A. Contribution.
  - B. Indemnity.
  - C. Pooling.
  - D. Subrogation.
21. What kind of risk has widespread impact and the loss associated with it is often catastrophic?
- A. Fundamental risk.
  - B. Particular risk.
  - C. Pure risk.
  - D. Speculative risk.

22. From whom might an individual seek assistance to place insurance?
- A. An insurance broker.
  - B. A loss assessor.
  - C. A risk manager.
  - D. An underwriter.
23. Which type of buyer of insurance in Hong Kong is an amateur sports club?
- A. Company.
  - B. Partnership.
  - C. Public body.
  - D. Unincorporated body.
24. Direct insurance companies operate via the internet, telephone or mail to which specific target audience
- A. advisers.
  - B. agents.
  - C. brokers.
  - D. consumers.
25. A purchaser of a new refrigerator wishes to obtain extended warranty insurance cover for it. From where is he **most likely** to obtain the cover?
- A. A direct insurer.
  - B. An insurer's representative.
  - C. A local insurance broker.
  - D. The shop where the purchase was made.
26. The surplus funds of a mutual insurer may be distributed to the insurer's
- A. intermediaries.
  - B. policyholders.
  - C. shareholders.
  - D. third party suppliers.
27. Which type of insurer does **NOT** provide insurance to the general public?
- A. A captive insurer.
  - B. A composite insurer.
  - C. A mutual insurer.
  - D. A proprietary insurer.
28. What are public limited companies who underwrite business within the Lloyd's market otherwise known as?
- A. Corporate members.
  - B. Lloyd's brokers.
  - C. Managing agents.
  - D. Underwriting names.

29. What is the **main** financial advantage for insurers that operate on a direct basis?
- A. They do not have to pay commission charges.
  - B. They incur smaller advertising costs.
  - C. They receive fewer claims.
  - D. They can charge higher premiums because they offer a faster service.
30. What does it mean when an insurance policy is reinsured?
- A. The insurer has replaced an insured's existing policy with a new one.
  - B. The insurer has passed on all or part of an insured's risk to another insurer.
  - C. The insured has renewed a policy with the same insurer for a subsequent year.
  - D. The insured has taken out a second policy with another insurer on the same subject matter.
31. What type of business do reinsurers **usually** accept?
- A. Business from individuals who have already insured the risk with an insurer.
  - B. Business from non-insurance companies which have large insurance needs.
  - C. Business originally underwritten by an insurer.
  - D. Business which insurers have refused to underwrite.
32. Lloyd's is
- A. a Government body.
  - B. an insurance company.
  - C. an insurance market.
  - D. an insurance syndicate.
33. When presenting a client's completed proposal form for home insurance to an insurer, the intermediary is acting as the agent of the
- A. broker.
  - B. insurer.
  - C. proposer.
  - D. third party.
34. An insurer who has accepted a risk too large to retain can choose to insure part of the risk with
- A. an assignee.
  - B. a cedant.
  - C. a loss adjuster.
  - D. a reinsurer.
35. What is the **main** function of an insurance broker?
- A. To assess the risk before cover is provided.
  - B. To decide on what terms a proposed risk should be accepted by an insurer.
  - C. To determine the validity and value of a large insurance claim.
  - D. To place insurance business on behalf of a client.

36. What is the **main** initial function of a call centre operative dealing with motor claims?
- A. Arranging ex-gratia payments.
  - B. Assessing the extent of the damage to the insured's vehicle.
  - C. Liaising with accident repairers.
  - D. Taking down the first notification of loss details.
37. What is a compliance officer's **primary** responsibility?
- A. Delivering sales training to customer facing areas.
  - B. Ensuring a firm complies with regulatory requirements.
  - C. Identifying and analysing market trends.
  - D. Ensuring accuracy of premium rates.
38. Allocating a reserve to an insured loss is the responsibility of the
- A. broker.
  - B. claims handler.
  - C. loss assessor.
  - D. underwriter.
39. What is the **main** function of an actuary?
- A. To apply mathematical techniques to business problems.
  - B. To develop new insurance products based on market research data.
  - C. To manage the insurer's investment portfolio.
  - D. To negotiate claim settlement with the insured on behalf of the insurer.
40. Who is **specifically** responsible for identifying areas within a business where potential losses could be controlled or eliminated?
- A. An actuary.
  - B. A loss adjuster.
  - C. A loss assessor.
  - D. A risk manager.
41. Which insurance professional decides whether a proposed risk is accepted by an insurer?
- A. An actuary.
  - B. A reinsurer.
  - C. A risk manager.
  - D. An underwriter.
42. After investigating a liability claim for injury, from whom does the loss adjuster **usually** receive payment of fees?
- A. The insured.
  - B. The insurer.
  - C. The negligent third party.
  - D. The third party insurer.

43. A policyholder will employ a loss assessor **primarily** to
- A. advise on risk management issues.
  - B. negotiate renewal terms.
  - C. prepare and present an insurance claim.
  - D. review his insurance cover.
44. Which insurance principle seeks to place the insured in the same position after an insured loss as existed immediately before?
- A. Contribution.
  - B. Indemnity.
  - C. Subrogation.
  - D. Insurable Interest.
45. What does the model agreement produced by the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (HKFI) state regarding the agent delivering end of year audited financial statements to the principal?
- A. The agent must be in a position to produce the statements on request.
  - B. The agent must produce the statements within a prescribed timescale.
  - C. The agent must submit a copy of the statements to the regulator at the same time.
  - D. The agent must use an HKFI-approved auditor.
46. Under which insurance principle can an insurer assume the rights of the insured against a third party to recover money paid out in respect of a claim?
- A. Arbitration.
  - B. Average.
  - C. Contribution.
  - D. Subrogation.
47. The essentials of a valid contract of insurance are
- A. invitation to treat, acceptance and consideration.
  - B. invitation to treat, offer and acceptance.
  - C. invitation to treat, offer and consideration.
  - D. offer, acceptance and consideration.
48. Who, if anyone, may terminate a household insurance policy?
- A. The insured only.
  - B. The insurer only.
  - C. Both the insured and the insurer.
  - D. Neither the insured nor the insurer.
49. If a principal agrees to be bound by the actions of an agent after they have acted outside the terms of the agency agreement, what type of agency has been created?
- A. Agency by apparent authority.
  - B. Agency by consent.
  - C. Agency by necessity.
  - D. Agency by ratification.



50. The actions of an agent have been written into the terms of an agency agreement. What authority, if any does this give the agent?
- A. Implied authority.
  - B. Express authority.
  - C. Ostensible authority.
  - D. No authority.
51. Under the cancellation of risks section of an agency agreement, a statement is **usually** included requiring the intermediary to pay the insurer
- A. an early termination fee.
  - B. a refund of any tax liability.
  - C. an unexpired premium charge.
  - D. any unearned commission.
52. What is insurable interest?
- A. The financial interest which a person has in an item.
  - B. The interest from an investment, the loss of which can be insured against.
  - C. The interest payable on insurance instalments.
  - D. The investment income received from insurance premiums.
53. When **must** insurable interest **first** exist in order for a private motor insurance policy to be enforceable by law?
- A. At the time of the quotation.
  - B. At the time the proposal form is completed.
  - C. At the time the policy is issued.
  - D. At the time of a claim.
54. In what three ways can insurable interest arise?
- A. Common law, contract or statute.
  - B. Common law, mediation or reinstatement.
  - C. Conciliation, contract or mediation.
  - D. Indemnity, statute or warranty.
55. The insurance principle which imposes a duty on the parties of a contract 'not to misrepresent any matter relating to the insurance' is known as
- A. assignment.
  - B. insurable interest.
  - C. legal personality.
  - D. fair presentation.
56. In connection with an insurance policy, at what point does the duty of fair presentation **first** arise?
- A. At the beginning of negotiations.
  - B. On the making of an offer.
  - C. On the acceptance of an offer.
  - D. At policy inception.

57. The requirement to notify a change of vehicle under a motor insurance policy is an example of a policy wording modifying the principle of
- A. contribution.
  - B. indemnity.
  - C. subrogation.
  - D. good faith.
58. Under the duty of fair presentation, what is required to be disclosed by the proposer in relation to an insurance policy?
- A. Facts of law which affect the assessment of the risk.
  - B. Financial details upon which ability to pay the premium can be assessed.
  - C. Relevant information which affects the assessment of the risk.
  - D. Personal requirements upon which the suitability of the policy can be assessed.
59. On an application for a theft insurance policy, the proposer advised the insurer that he only had a single Yale lock on the main entrance to the property to be insured. This information is an example of
- A. best advice.
  - B. common interest.
  - C. contract consideration.
  - D. a fair presentation of risk.
60. In what circumstances may an insurer have the right to avoid paying a claim and to void a household contents insurance policy from inception?
- A. When a fraudulent non-disclosure is discovered.
  - B. When a premium instalment is not paid.
  - C. When a second insurer is used by the insured.
  - D. When the value of contents is mistakenly underestimated by the insured.
61. An insurer is in the process of settling a claim and has already made three interim payments of HK\$3,000,000 each. Prior to payment of the final amount of HK\$3,000,000, the loss adjuster discovers that the insured deliberately withheld relevant information pertinent to the claim. What is the **maximum** amount the insurer can recover from the insured?
- A. HK\$3,000,000
  - B. HK\$6,000,000
  - C. HK\$9,000,000
  - D. HK\$12,000,000
62. The proximate cause of a loss will **always** be the
- A. dominant cause.
  - B. first cause.
  - C. last cause.
  - D. only cause.

63. An individual falls from his horse resulting in a minor injury. He is taken to hospital where he dies due to an infection caught at the hospital. What is the proximate cause of his death?
- A. The fall from his horse.
  - B. The infection.
  - C. Riding his horse.
  - D. His stay in hospital.
64. In a road traffic accident a truck hits a tree, causing the tree to be deemed unsafe. The next day, before action can be taken to remove the tree, a gale blows it over onto a house. What is the proximate cause of the damage to the house?
- A. The location of the tree.
  - B. The road traffic accident.
  - C. The delay in tree removal.
  - D. The gale.
65. After a pop concert, groups of fans start to riot outside the concert venue setting fire to rubbish bins and breaking windows. The window of a shop at the concert venue is broken and smoke from a burning rubbish bin outside damages the merchandise being sold. What is the proximate cause of the damage to the merchandise?
- A. The pop concert.
  - B. The riot.
  - C. The fire from the rubbish bins.
  - D. The breakage of the shop window.
66. Two personal accident insurance policies are effected. In respect of loss of limb cover, the first policy provides HK\$250,000 and the second policy provides HK\$300,000. What is the **total** amount that the insured will receive in the event of a valid loss of limb claim?
- A. HK\$250,000
  - B. HK\$275,000
  - C. HK\$300,000
  - D. HK\$550,000
67. Assuming that the sum insured is adequate, what is the measure of indemnity used in the case of the total loss of a building?
- A. The cost of reconstruction at the time of the loss.
  - B. The cost of reconstruction at the time of policy inception.
  - C. The original purchase price.
  - D. The original purchase price less an allowance for wear and tear.
68. A machine, which is adequately insured on an indemnity basis, is destroyed by an insured peril. A new machine costs HK\$10,000 and a second-hand machine costs HK\$7,000. In both cases the cost of transport and installation is HK\$1,000. How much will the insured receive?
- A. HK\$7,000
  - B. HK\$8,000
  - C. HK\$10,000
  - D. HK\$11,000

69. An aircraft is insured on an agreed value basis of HK\$200,000,000. At policy inception the market value is HK\$180,000,000 which then increases to HK\$210,000,000 on the day the aircraft crashes and is a total loss. However, when the claim is agreed it has fallen to HK\$190,000,000. How much is the airline entitled to receive for the loss?
- A. HK\$180,000,000
  - B. HK\$190,000,000
  - C. HK\$200,000,000
  - D. HK\$210,000,000
70. A supplier's total stock, valued at HK\$1,000,000, is insured against theft on a first loss basis with a sum insured of HK\$200,000. If stock valued at HK\$400,000 is stolen, what is the **maximum** amount payable, if any, by the insurer?
- A. Nil
  - B. HK\$100,000
  - C. HK\$200,000
  - D. HK\$400,000
71. Under a household insurance policy, the reinstatement basis of cover is more commonly known as
- A. agreed value cover.
  - B. first loss cover.
  - C. new for old cover.
  - D. underinsurance cover.
72. Garage buildings are valued at HK\$2,000,000 and insured for HK\$1,500,000 under a policy which is subject to average. If a HK\$500,000 insured loss is incurred, how much will the insurer pay?
- A. HK\$125,000
  - B. HK\$333,330
  - C. HK\$375,000
  - D. HK\$500,000
73. A factory contains HK\$200,000 of stock and a fire destroys HK\$120,000 of it. Under the standard fire insurance policy, which has a sum insured on stock of HK\$100,000, what **maximum** amount, if any, will the insured receive after the application of average?
- A. HK\$60,000
  - B. HK\$80,000
  - C. HK\$100,000
  - D. HK\$120,000
74. A material fact is defined as a fact which
- A. an insurer would regard as likely to influence the acceptance and assessment of the risk.
  - B. is relevant to the risk and which is not classed as confidential or sensitive.
  - C. is specifically requested on the proposal form and which must be answered truthfully and comprehensively.
  - D. the insured would not normally be expected to disclose.

75. Which insurance principle gives an insurer the right to call upon other insurers to share in the settling of a claim?
- A. Average.
  - B. Contribution.
  - C. Insurable interest.
  - D. Subrogation.
76. If an insured suffers a loss covered under his insurance policy, the measure of indemnity will ensure that he will be
- A. able to make a profit from the loss.
  - B. in a worse financial position than before the loss.
  - C. placed in the same financial position as he was before the loss.
  - D. provided with replacement items in all cases.
77. When a claim is made under a motor insurance policy following an accident, at what stage can an insurer begin to exercise subrogation rights?
- A. As soon as a valid claim is notified.
  - B. As soon as any third party admits liability.
  - C. As soon as settlement has been agreed.
  - D. As soon as the insured has been paid.
78. An insurer pays a policyholder to repair the damage to his car caused by a vandal, who is later identified. What option can the insurer exercise to recover the claim paid?
- A. The arbitration clause.
  - B. The average clause.
  - C. The contribution condition.
  - D. Its subrogation rights.
79. An insurer pays HK\$100,000 and in addition allows the insured to retain the salvage, worth HK\$10,000, in settlement of a claim for damage caused by a negligent third party. How much can the insurer claim from the third party when exercising its subrogation rights?
- A. HK\$10,000
  - B. HK\$90,000
  - C. HK\$100,000
  - D. HK\$110,000
80. A building valued at HK\$2,500,000 is jointly owned by Companies A and B, who each individually arrange insurance on it. Company A insures the building for HK\$1,000,000, whilst Company B insures it for HK\$1,500,000. How much of the valid claim is each insurer liable to pay if a loss of HK\$550,000 occurs?
- A. Company A's insurer is liable for HK\$220,000 and Company B's for HK\$330,000.
  - B. Company A's insurer is liable for HK\$275,000 and Company B's for HK\$275,000.
  - C. Company A's insurer is liable for HK\$330,000 and Company B's for HK\$220,000.
  - D. Company A's insurer is liable for HK\$550,000 and Company B's for HK\$550,000.

81. A cottage is valued at HK\$1,000,000 and is covered by two fire insurance policies, one with a sum insured of HK\$500,000 and the other with a sum insured of HK\$1,000,000. Under the principle of contribution, what payment will the insured receive from the first policy if a fire causes damage costing HK\$600,000 to repair?
- A. HK\$200,000
  - B. HK\$250,000
  - C. HK\$300,000
  - D. HK\$500,000
82. Prior to the inception of a motor insurance policy, an insurer provided the policyholder with a list of exclusions, but failed to warn of one extra exclusion which subsequently appeared in the policy document. What principle of insurance has the insurer breached?
- A. Caveat emptor.
  - B. Good faith.
  - C. Proximate cause.
  - D. Subrogation.
83. What **key** objective should an insurer satisfy to support the regulator's capital adequacy requirements?
- A. Address the reasonable expectations of its shareholders.
  - B. Avoid the need for reinsurance cover.
  - C. Meet its obligations to policyholders.
  - D. Minimise the risk of an underwriting loss.
84. In addition to the required solvency margin, insurers of general business in the Hong Kong market **must** hold assets covering what **minimum** percentage of their net liabilities?
- A. 75%
  - B. 80%
  - C. 85%
  - D. 90%
85. The regulator is about to carry out a fit and proper assessment. This is **most likely** to relate to which specific aspect of its regulatory role?
- A. Authorisation.
  - B. Compensation.
  - C. Consumer education.
  - D. Market discipline.
86. What term is given by the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) to insurance professionals welcomed to this association?
- A. Insureds.
  - B. Observers.
  - C. Regulators.
  - D. Third parties.

87. The four stated objectives of the Financial Action Task Force relate to clarifying standards, implementing standards, dealing with new threats and
- A. compensating relevant victims.
  - B. reviewing money laundering and terrorist financing techniques.
  - C. improving consumer awareness.
  - D. recommending legislative changes.
88. What is the **key** role of prudential regulation in the Hong Kong insurance market?
- A. To ensure that customers are treated fairly.
  - B. To ensure that firms are financially sound.
  - C. To improve the cost-effectiveness of the products and services.
  - D. To improve the quality of the selling process.
89. The two overriding objectives of the market conduct regulations in the general insurance market are to provide policyholders with a high level of security and to
- A. deter any attempts at money laundering activity.
  - B. ensure the capital adequacy of intermediaries.
  - C. help maintain confidence in the industry.
  - D. maximise the professional knowledge of sales advisers.
90. When the regulator carries out an inspection at an intermediary's premises in order to identify any problems, what type of tool is this action **normally** described as?
- A. Diagnostic.
  - B. Prescriptive.
  - C. Quantitative.
  - D. Remedial.
91. For the insurer concerned, the benefit of using internal models to calculate capital adequacy is
- A. a lack of flexibility.
  - B. primarily being able to tailor it to their needs.
  - C. it being simple to calculate and describe.
  - D. the use of a ratio formula.
92. Compared to other approaches, what is generally considered to be the **main** advantage of using the fixed ratio model method of determining capital adequacy levels?
- A. It focuses on the future rather than the present.
  - B. It focuses on the severity rather than the likelihood of loss.
  - C. It is relatively tax efficient.
  - D. It is simple to calculate and apply.
93. According to the Financial Action Task Force's definition of money laundering, the aim of money laundering is to disguise what in relation to the criminally-obtained proceeds?
- A. Its current location.
  - B. Its future destination.
  - C. Its origin.
  - D. Its size.

94. Where a new customer is a non-permanent resident of Hong Kong and provides a Hong Kong identity card, what else is needed to satisfy customer due diligence requirements?
- A. Proof of nationality.
  - B. Proof of current address.
  - C. A signed declaration confirming eligibility for the appropriate product.
  - D. A signed declaration committing to comply with the relevant rules.
95. Fraud by brokers against an insurer or a policyholder is known as
- A. complaints-related fraud.
  - B. intermediary fraud.
  - C. internal fraud.
  - D. policyholder fraud.
96. In the general insurance market, internal fraud **normally** means fraud committed by whom?
- A. Corporate stakeholders.
  - B. Directors or employees of the insurer.
  - C. Directors or employees of the reinsurer.
  - D. Policyholders.
97. What is the Chartered Insurance Institute?
- A. An arbitration authority.
  - B. A professional body.
  - C. A regulatory body.
  - D. A trade association.
98. Best practice states that the head of an insurer's internal audit department should be **ultimately** accountable to the
- A. appointed actuary.
  - B. board of directors.
  - C. compliance department.
  - D. operational risk manager.
99. Which fit and proper requirement applies to key functionaries but **NOT** to significant owners?
- A. Financial soundness.
  - B. Integrity demonstrated in personal behaviour and business conduct.
  - C. Soundness of judgement.
  - D. Sufficient degree of knowledge, experience and professional qualifications.
100. As part of an insurer's complaints-handling procedures, which complaints received should be logged?
- A. All of the complaints.
  - B. All of the complaints except the ones which cannot be resolved.
  - C. Only the written complaints.
  - D. Only the complaints classed as serious or significant.



## Specimen Examination Answers and Learning Outcomes Covered

Question	Answer	Learning Outcome	Question	Answer	Learning Outcome	Question	Answer	Learning Outcome
Learning Outcome 1			Learning Outcome 4			Learning Outcome 5		
1	A	1.2	44	B	4.8	83	C	5.2
2	A	1.6	45	A	4.4	84	B	5.2
3	A	1.7	46	D	4.12	85	A	5.1
4	D	1.1	47	D	4.1	86	B	5.1
5	D	1.2	48	C	4.2	87	B	5.3
6	A	1.3	49	D	4.3	88	B	5.1
7	D	1.4	50	B	4.3	89	C	5.1
8	B	1.2	51	D	4.4	90	A	5.1
9	A	1.2	52	A	4.5	91	B	5.2
10	A	1.4	53	C	4.5	92	D	5.2
11	A	1.4	54	A	4.5	93	C	5.3
12	B	1.5	55	D	4.4	94	A	5.3
13	B	1.6	56	A	4.4	95	B	5.4
14	A	1.6	57	D	4.4	96	B	5.4
15	D	1.6	58	C	4.6	14 Questions		
16	D	1.7	59	D	4.6			
17	A	1.8	60	A	4.6	Learning Outcome 6		
18	B	1.8	61	C	4.6	97	B	6.1
19	B	1.7	62	A	4.7	98	B	6.4
20	C	1.6	63	B	4.7	99	D	6.3
21	A	1.2	64	B	4.7	100	A	6.4
21 Questions			65	B	4.7	4 Questions		
			66	D	4.9			
Learning Outcome 2			67	A	4.8			
22	A	2.4	68	B	4.8			
23	D	2.4	69	C	4.9			
24	D	2.4	70	C	4.9			
25	D	2.1	71	C	4.8			
26	B	2.2	72	C	4.10			
27	A	2.2	73	A	4.10			
28	A	2.2	74	A	4.10			
29	A	2.3	75	B	4.11			
30	B	2.1	76	C	4.8			
31	C	2.1	77	A	4.12			
32	C	2.3	78	D	4.12			
33	C	2.1	79	C	4.12			
34	D	2.4	80	A	4.11			
35	D	2.3	81	A	4.11			
14 Questions			82	B	4.6			
			39 Questions					
Learning Outcome 3								
36	D	3.1						
37	B	3.1						
38	B	3.1						
39	A	3.1						
40	D	3.1						
41	D	3.1						
42	B	3.1						
43	C	3.1						
8 Questions								