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Introduction

This examination guide has been produced by the Qualifications and Assessment Department at the Chartered Insurance Institute to assist students in their preparation for the E94 examination. It contains a specimen examination with answer key.

Ideally, students should have completed the majority of their E94 studies before attempting the specimen examination. Students should allow themselves one hour 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. The examination must be successfully passed within 18 months of enrolment on M94.

Although the specimen examination in this guide is typical of an E94 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 M94 reading list, which is located on the syllabus in this examination guide and on the CII website at 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/diploma-in-insurance-qualification/unit-motor-insurance-m94/
- 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 M94 syllabus is published on the CII website at 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 CII 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 examination syllabus categorises M94 learning outcomes into attainment levels. Each learning outcome specifies the level of skill required of candidates and thus the level at which candidates may be tested.

The syllabus requires that candidates have the ability to understand the subject matter. Each learning outcome begins with the following cognitive skill:

Understanding - Candidates 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 E94 examination is 50 multiple choice questions. One hour is allowed for this examination.

The M94 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 English 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.

E94 examinations test the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority rules and regulations.

When preparing for the examination, candidates should ensure that they are aware of what typically constitutes each type of product listed in the syllabus and ascertain whether the products with which they come into contact during the normal course of their work deviate from the norm, since questions in the examination test generic product knowledge.

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.

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 <u>not</u> permitted, in 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/

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.

Motor insurance



Purpose

At the end of this unit, candidates should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the different types of motor risk and the compulsory insurance requirements.

Assumed knowledge

It is assumed the candidate has knowledge of the fundamental principles of insurance as covered in IF1 Insurance, legal and regulatory or equivalent examinations.

| Sum | mary of learning outcomes | Number of questions in the examination* |
|-----|---|---|
| 1. | Understand the nature of motor risk and the main impacting factors. | 8 |
| 2. | Understand the scope of cover provided by motor policies. | 8 |
| 3. | Understand the main practices of motor insurance. | 6 |
| 4. | Understand risk perception, evaluation and underwriting of motor insurance. | 18 |
| 5. | Understand the claims considerations and procedures of motor insurance. | 10 |

^{*} 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

· Method of assessment:

Mixed assessment consisting of two components, both of which must be passed. One component is a coursework assignment and one is a multiple choice question (MCQ) examination. The details are:

- an online coursework assignment using RevisionMate consisting of 10 questions which sequentially follow the learning outcomes. This must be successfully completed within 6 months of enrolment; and
- 2. an MCQ exam consisting of 50 MCQs. 1 hour is allowed for this exam. This exam must be successfully passed within 18 months of enrolment.
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1. Understand the nature of motor risk and the main impacting factors.

- 1.1 Explain the different types of motor risk and how they are assessed.
- 1.2 Outline the legislation which aims to control risk.
- 1.3 Explain Part VI of the Road Traffic Act focusing on the effects of compulsory insurance on the motorist and insurers.
- 1.4 Describe the role and functions of the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) including the MIB agreements.
- 1.5 Describe the measures taken to combat uninsured drivers.

2. Understand the scope of cover provided by motor policies.

- 2.1 Explain indemnity and the main types of cover in relation to the motor policies.
- 2.2 Explain the cover given under different motor policies.

3. Understand the main practices of motor insurance.

- 3.1 Explain the new business process.
- 3.2 Explain mid-term policy alterations.
- 3.3 Describe the renewal process, lapses and cancellations.
- 3.4 Explain the procedure and issues arising from the delivery and surrender of certificates.
- 3.5 Explain the process for handling voidable policies and the options available to insurers.
- 3.6 Explain the regulatory and legislative requirements affecting the transaction of motor insurance.

4. Understand risk perception, evaluation and underwriting of motor insurance.

- 4.1 Discuss motor underwriting strategy, distinguishing between account level and case underwriting.
- 4.2 Explain an insurer's risk appetite, standard rating models and pricing methods.
- 4.3 Discuss proposal evaluation including legal considerations and validation tools.
- 4.4 Explain the application of loadings and discounts.
- 4.5 Explain factors affecting loss ratio, expense ratio and operating ratio.
- 4.6 Describe reinsurance as applied to motor insurance.
- 4.7 Describe the methods of underwriting and rating for the different types of motor risk.
- 4.8 Explain fleet risk management and its benefits.
- 4.9 Explain the importance of liaison between claims and underwriting functions.

Understand the claims considerations and procedures of motor insurance.

- 5.1 Discuss motor claims strategy and objectives.
- 5.2 Explain the validation, evaluation and settlement practices in handling motor claims.
- 5.3 Explain how an insurer determines its status and the practical application of the MIB agreements.

- 5.4 Explain the role of market organisations and law enforcement agencies in the claims process.
- 5.5 Explain the different service providers and processes involved in the handling of own vehicle and third party claims.
- 5.6 Discuss motor insurance dispute resolution procedures.

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

Motor insurance. London: CII. Study text M94

Insurance, legal and regulatory. London: CII. Study text IF1

Books

APIL guide to MIB claims.: uninsured and untraced drivers. 4th ed. Andrew Ritchie, Jeremy Ford. Bristol: Jordan, 2016.

APIL guide to RTA liability. 3rd ed. Andrew Ritchie. Bristol: Jordan, 2018.

Bingham & Berryman's personal injury and motor claims cases. 15th revised ed. Ruth Graham et al (eds). London: LexisNexis, 2018.

Drafting insurance contracts: certainty, clarity, law and practice. Christopher Henley. London: Leadenhall press, 2010.

Guide to Motor Insurance Bureau claims. Donald Williams and Malcolm Johnson. The Law Society, 2012.

Insurance claims. 5th ed. Alison Padfield. Bloomsbury Professional, 2021.

'Motor policies'. Chapter – The modern law of insurance. Andrew McGee. 4th ed. London: LexisNexis, 2018.

'Motor vehicle insurance'. Chapter – Birds' modern insurance law. John Birds. 12th ed. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2022.

The law of motor insurance. Robert M Merkin, Jeremy Stuart-Smith. 2nd ed. London: Sweet and Maxwell, 2020.

'The Road Traffic Act 1988 – third party liabilities'. Chapter – Claims handling law and practice. Richard West et al. London: Witherby, 2008.

Journals and magazines

Insurance times. London: Newsquest Specialist Media. Weekly. Contents

searchable online at www.insurancetimes.co.uk.

The Journal. London: CII. Six issues a year. Post magazine. London: Incisive Financial Publishing. Monthly. Contents searchable online at www.postonline.co.uk.

Access to further periodical publications is available from the Knowledge website at www.cii.co.uk/journalsmagazines (CII/PFS members only).

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.

Insurance: Conduct of Business sourcebook (ICOBS). Available via

www.handbook.fca.org.uk/handbook/ICOBS.

Road Traffic Act 1988. London: HMSO, 1988. Available via www.legislation.gov.uk.

Exemplars

Exemplar papers are available for all mixed assessment units. Exemplars are available for both the coursework component and the MCQ exam component.

These are available on the CII website under the unit number before purchasing the unit. They are available under the following link www.cii.co.uk/qualifications/diploma-in-insurance-qualification.

These exemplar papers are also available on the RevisionMate website (*ciigroup.org/login*) after you have purchased the unit.

Exam technique/study skills

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

- 1. The database which contains details of all private cars in the UK and is used to combat fraud is managed by the
 - A. Association of British Insurers.
 - **B.** Claims and Underwriting Exchange.
 - C. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).
 - D. UK Information Centre.
- 2. What was established in the case law Cutter v Eagle Star (1998)?
 - **A.** A moped being pedalled was held to be a mechanically propelled vehicle.
 - **B.** A passenger opening the vehicle door was held to not be using the vehicle.
 - **C.** A private car park to which the public had access was held not to constitute a road.
 - **D.** A vehicle rolling down a hill with the engine switched off was held to be in use.
- **3.** Which EU Directive requires that each Member State has a compulsory insurance system in place providing for third party injury liability?
 - A. The first.
 - **B.** The second.
 - C. The third.
 - D. The fourth.
- **4.** The Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) has been dealing with a claim for personal injury and vehicle damage following a collision with an uninsured driver. The MIB have asked the claimant to sign an assignment and agreement form once quantum is agreed. What is the purpose of this form?
 - **A.** It enables the claimant to choose whether he wants to pursue the uninsured driver himself for uninsured losses.
 - **B.** It enables the claimant to formally agree to proceed to issue court proceedings against the uninsured driver.
 - **C.** It enables the MIB to agree the full and final settlement figure with the claimant and then close the file.
 - **D.** It enables the MIB to stand in the place of the claimant and seek a recovery against the uninsured driver.
- **5.** Alan has an untaxed motor car which he keeps locked in his private garage. It is uninsured and he has **NOT** made a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN). What **maximum** fine could he be subject to and by whom?
 - A. £100 by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).
 - **B.** £100 by the Motor Insurers' Bureau.
 - **C.** £1,000 or 5 times tax owed whichever is the greater by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).
 - **D.** £1,000 or 5 times tax owed whichever is the greater by the Motor Insurers' Bureau.

6. An underwriter has received the following information for two insured fleets. They are analysing the risks to determine whether the businesses should be renewed.

| | Vehicle years | Number of accidents | Number of claims | Total claims cost |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Insured A | 200 | 130 | 165 | £563,042 |
| Insured B | 650 | 530 | 660 | £1,680,273 |

How can the data **best** be described?

- **A.** Insured A has the higher frequency of claims and the higher average cost per claim.
- **B.** Insured A has the higher frequency of claims but the lower average cost per claim.
- C. Insured B has the higher frequency of claims and the higher average cost per claim.
- **D.** Insured B has the higher frequency of claims but the lower average cost per claim.
- **7.** A fleet manager for a large logistics company has recently been overseeing the purchase of a new vehicle for the fleet. To remain compliant under the Motor Insurance Database (MID) rules, he has to notify the
 - A. MID1 within 7 days.
 - **B.** MID1 within 14 days.
 - C. MID2 within 7 days.
 - **D.** MID2 within 14 days.
- **8.** What is the **typical** position for full policy coverage, if any, of sidecars under a comprehensive motorcycle insurance policy?
 - **A.** Cover is provided for third party liability only.
 - **B.** Cover is only provided if the sidecar has been declared to the insurer.
 - **C.** Sidecars are automatically covered.
 - **D.** Sidecars are excluded.
- **9.** Kevin has basic roadside assistance cover included in his private car motor insurance policy. He sets off from home, where his vehicle is **normally** kept, and the vehicle breaks down less than 100 metres after starting his journey. It is subsequently discovered that the breakdown was due to inadequate servicing. What is the position regarding policy cover?
 - **A.** He is unlikely to be covered.
 - **B.** He will be covered because roadside assistance cover usually incorporates 'at home' assistance.
 - **C.** He will be covered because the vehicle is not at his home.
 - **D.** He will not be covered specifically because the car was not roadworthy.
- **10.** A tile blew off a third party premises and hit the bonnet of an insured's vehicle. Whilst driving to the garage, a tree fell on the roof of the vehicle, causing the policyholder to hit a third party vehicle causing damage to both vehicles. The policyholder's vehicle has third party, fire and theft cover. With regard to the subsequent claims, what will be covered by his insurance policy?
 - A. Damage to the third party vehicle only.
 - **B.** Damage to the third party vehicle and damage caused by the falling tile only.
 - **C.** Damage to the third party vehicle and damage caused by the falling tree only.
 - **D.** Damage to the third party vehicle and damage caused by the falling tile and the falling tree.

- 11. Mark is undertaking a delivery for his employer to a customer. When he arrives, Mark parks in the road outside and one of the customer's employees, Dave, assists with the unloading. Whilst unloading, a large box falls and hits Mark and Dave as well as injuring a passerby. All three parties make a claim. Which of the accidents, if any, will be covered by Mark's motor policy?
 - **A.** None of the claims are covered.
 - **B.** Mark's claim is covered, but the claims by Dave and the passerby are not covered.
 - **C.** Mark's claim is not covered and should be redirected to the employers' liability insurer, but the claims by Dave and the passerby are covered.
 - **D.** Mark and Dave's claims are covered, but the claim by the passerby is not covered.
- **12.** To whom does a contingent liability extension under a motor policy provide an indemnity in the event of a loss?
 - A. Any named driver.
 - **B.** The employee.
 - C. The employer.
 - **D.** The owner of the vehicle.
- **13.** A private motor car policyholder and a motor fleet policyholder both request the driving other cars extension from their respective insurers. How may the insurers **normally** respond to this request?
 - A. Only the private car insurer may agree.
 - **B.** Only the motor fleet insurer may agree.
 - C. Both insurers may agree.
 - **D.** Neither insurer may agree.
- 14. Who is permitted to drive a motorcycle under a motorcycle insurance policy?
 - **A.** The policyholder only.
 - **B.** The policyholder or her appointed representative only.
 - **C.** The policyholder or named persons only.
 - **D.** The policyholder and any driver.
- **15.** What type of questions does a motor insurance underwriter ask a potential client in order to evaluate the proposed risk?
 - A. General and personal questions only.
 - **B.** Historical and specific questions only.
 - **C.** Personal and historical questions only.
 - **D.** Specific and general questions only.
- **16.** Jack is changing his private car and telephones his broker to arrange cover. How soon can Jack's cover for the new car become effective?
 - **A.** Upon delivery of a new certificate only.
 - **B.** Upon delivery of a new certificate and surrender of the old one.
 - **C.** Upon verbal confirmation.
 - **D.** Upon written confirmation.

- **17.** What is the Financial Conduct Authority's specific requirement in respect of the invitation to renew motor insurance?
 - **A.** Invite renewal to all retail customers prior to renewal or give adequate notice of the intention not to renew.
 - **B.** Invite renewal to all retail customers in good time or give adequate notice of the intention not to renew.
 - **C.** Invite renewal to all retail customers within 21 days or give 30 days' notice of the intention not to renew.
 - **D.** Invite renewal to all retail customers within 30 days or give 60 days' notice of the intention not to renew.
- **18.** What action would an insurer take where a consumer has deliberately withheld an unspent drink driving conviction at inception?
 - **A.** Apply to court for the policy to be voided from inception.
 - B. Invoke the cancellation clause.
 - C. Reassess and apply terms retrospectively.
 - **D.** Seek recovery of the certificate of insurance.
- 19. The Deregulation Act 2015 states that
 - **A.** if a motor policy is cancelled mid-term the policyholder is no longer required to return the Certificate of Insurance or make a statutory declaration.
 - **B.** the prescribed forms of Certificates are abolished.
 - **C.** it is no longer necessary for a Certificate of Insurance to be presented to the police as evidence of insurance.
 - **D.** the paper car tax disc is abolished.
- 20. Steve has deliberately failed to notify his insurer that his vehicle engine size has been modified to increase power. This only becomes apparent when a claim is made where Steve was travelling at speed and collided with a tree. Further investigation reveals that he had a previous incident of non-disclosure due to vehicle alterations. Had the insurer known of the recent alteration, it would NOT have provided cover. What action would the insurer most likely take?
 - **A.** Avoid the policy ab initio and retain the premium.
 - **B.** Pay the claim as this involves a consumer.
 - C. Pay the claim with a reduction to reflect any increased premium that would have been charged.
 - **D.** Apply any terms that would have been applied retrospectively.
- **21.** A motor insurance underwriter is considering the impact of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 on her underwriting function. She should be aware that
 - **A.** a disqualification would always be treated as spent not less than 5 years after the disqualification period ends.
 - **B.** an endorsement would be treated as spent after 5 years.
 - **C.** a fine would be treated as spent after 2 years.
 - **D.** a period of imprisonment will always be treated as spent after 11 years.

- **22.** How would the underwriting strategy of a broker-orientated provider differ from that of an internet motor insurer?
 - **A.** Less cross-selling opportunities.
 - **B.** A more restricted underwriting acceptance criteria.
 - C. A wider underwriting acceptance criteria.
 - **D.** Writing primarily for cash flow rather than profit.
- **23.** An underwriter is analysing the claims statistics and notes that there are a large number of private motor policies where the claims settlement has been adjusted to take account of non-disclosed speeding convictions. How might the underwriter look to improve his own procedures to avoid this happening?
 - **A.** Ask the claims department to contact all policyholders where the settlements have been adjusted and reimburse funds as this is not in compliance with the Consumer Duty.
 - **B.** Ask the claims department to ensure that when speeding convictions are notified in the claims process, that the policies are voided.
 - **C.** Ensure the question regarding speeding convictions is appropriately worded at proposal and renewal.
 - **D.** Take no action as the claims department is dealing with matters correctly.
- **24.** What type of reinsurance is bought by a motor insurer to limit the amount of the insurer's loss for any one event?
 - **A.** Excess of loss.
 - **B.** Facultative.
 - C. Quota share.
 - **D.** Stop loss.
- 25. The following data is available regarding an insurer's motor exposure

| Exposure (EVY) | 1,000 |
|------------------------|--------|
| Claims | 500 |
| Average cost per claim | £2,500 |

How much is the claims cost per vehicle year?

- **A.** £375
- **B.** £1,250
- **C.** £2,500
- **D.** £2,500,000
- **26.** An underwriter has received a proposal form from Steve, aged 21. Steve passed his test when he was aged 19. He states that he rarely drives at peak times or late at night. He already has a large voluntary excess and the policy has been loaded to reflect his age. What would be another way of potentially reducing the premium?
 - A. Apply an additional excess for all accidents occurring during specified time periods.
 - **B.** Apply an annual mileage restriction.
 - **C.** Exclude all liability for driving late at night or at peak times.
 - **D.** Offer use of a telematics pay as you drive policy.

- **27.** Where an insurer offers an accelerated no claims discount (NCD) to a policyholder after six months, what length of NCD will the policyholder **usually** be granted at next renewal?
 - A. One year.
 - **B.** Two years.
 - **C.** Three years.
 - **D.** Four years.
- **28.** Clare is applying for private car motor insurance with a new insurer and qualifies for a no claims discount (NCD). **Typically**, how will the NCD be proven to the new insurer?
 - **A.** By Clare completing a self-certification in the form of a statutory declaration.
 - **B.** By Clare producing the previous insurance policy including any endorsements.
 - **C.** By Clare providing the renewal notice issued by the previous insurer.
 - **D.** By the new insurer checking with the Motor Insurance Database.
- 29. In respect of fleet insurance a vehicle year is defined as
 - **A.** one vehicle on the policy for a period of 12 months.
 - **B.** one vehicle on the policy at inception.
 - **C.** one vehicle on the policy at expiry.
 - **D.** one vehicle on the policy at inception and expiry divided by two.
- 30. What are the elements to measure results and base rating in respect of motor insurance?
 - **A.** Earned premium, number of claims, total claims costs and vehicle years.
 - **B.** Net premiums, number of claims, total claims costs and vehicle years.
 - C. Earned vehicle years, net premiums, number of claims and total claims costs.
 - **D.** Earned premium, earned vehicle years, number of claims and total claims costs.
- **31.** The cost of reinsurance for motor insurance is **usually** expressed as a percentage of the original insurer's
 - A. claims costs.
 - B. claims reserves.
 - C. gross written premium.
 - D. net written premium.
- **32.** A motor insurance underwriter is considering which rating basis to use for motor trade policies. She should know that the
 - **A.** named-driver basis is suitable for businesses having a small number of drivers.
 - **B.** points basis is the least common form of rating and is only used for small risks.
 - **C.** trade-plate basis provides cover based solely on the number of vehicles that the trader typically has in its possession.
 - **D.** trade-plate basis provides cover for social and domestic purposes.

- 33. In what way does the rating for an agricultural vehicle differ from that for a commercial vehicle?
 - **A.** The claims history is not normally taken into account.
 - **B.** There are fewer rating areas.
 - **C.** There is no age restriction for drivers.
 - **D.** The value of the vehicle is of no significance.
- **34.** For which element of cover would a motor trade insurer charge an additional premium under a comprehensive road risks policy?
 - A. Demonstration use.
 - **B.** Driving other vehicles.
 - C. Employee-owned vehicles.
 - D. No overnight garaging.
- **35.** What is the **likely** benefit of motor fleet driver training to a policyholder?
 - A. Lower excess.
 - **B.** Lower premiums.
 - C. Personalised claims handler.
 - **D.** Wider cover.
- **36.** Claims data is an important aspect for an underwriter as it enables her to
 - A. ascertain the average claims cost and any trending patterns only.
 - **B.** ascertain the competitiveness of a product.
 - **C.** project claims frequency only.
 - **D.** project claims frequency, average cost and pricing.
- **37.** In what way can a claims handler assist an underwriter in analysing the performance of a new motor policy wording?
 - **A.** By analysing competitors' policy wordings.
 - **B.** By identifying contentious areas of the policy wording.
 - **C.** By being involved in all underwriting matters.
 - **D.** By involving the underwriter in all claims reserving.
- **38.** Other than for a claim, when would a motor vehicle engineer's report be requested by an insurer and who would pay for the report?
 - **A.** When the vehicle exceeds a set value and paid for by the policyholder.
 - **B.** When the vehicle is a grey import and paid for by the insurer.
 - **C.** When the vehicle is a kit car and paid for by the policyholder.
 - **D.** When the vehicle is an off-road vehicle and paid for by the insurer.

- **39.** A vehicle belonging to a company is comprehensively insured on a named driver basis. The vehicle is involved in an accident and the company submits a claim to its insurer for own damage to the vehicle as well as damage to the third party vehicle and injury to a third party passenger. It is subsequently discovered that the driver was **NOT** a named driver. How will the insurer deal with the claims?
 - **A.** It will avoid all the claims and avoid the policy ab intio.
 - **B.** It will avoid the own damage claim and the third party damage claim, but settle the third party injury claim.
 - **C.** It will avoid the own damage claim, but settle the third party injury and damage claims.
 - **D.** It will settle all of the claims as third party motor liabilities are compulsory.
- **40.** The new managing director of an insurer is setting targets for its claims department. What should be his **main** focus?
 - A. Faster claims payments.
 - B. Minimising third party payments.
 - **C.** The overall corporate strategy.
 - **D.** Staff turnover.
- 41. Why would a claims department contact Hire Purchase Information Ltd?
 - A. To check on vehicle ownership.
 - **B.** To check the identity of a policyholder.
 - **C.** To check whether a vehicle has had any previous claims.
 - **D.** To check whether a vehicle has outstanding finance payable on it.
- **42.** Terry has purchased a car and his potential insurer has received a warning from the Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance System. This indicates that
 - **A.** precautions should be taken to ensure that Terry's address is genuine.
 - **B.** Terry has a conviction for fraud.
 - **C.** Terry has defaulted on a hire purchase arrangement for a vehicle.
 - **D.** Terry is an undischarged bankrupt.
- **43.** For what reason would an insurer introduce voice recognition software?
 - A. To assist liaison between underwriters and claims handlers.
 - **B.** To identify potentially fraudulent claims.
 - C. To meet its obligations under ISO 9001.
 - **D.** To record information more efficiently.
- **44.** When might a provisional damages award be made?
 - **A.** When the claimant needs funding prior to a liability trial to proceed with treatment.
 - **B.** When there is a real risk that the claimant's condition may deteriorate further over time.
 - **C.** Where the claimant is fatally injured and the award is made to any spouse or parent.
 - **D.** Where the claimant is fatally injured and the award is made to the estate.

- **45.** An insurer is considering pursuing subrogation rights against another insurer who is dealing with a claim under the Uninsured Drivers' Agreement. The insurer should be aware that subrogation rights
 - A. will always arise against uninsured drivers.
 - **B.** can only be pursued if it is a UK-registered insurer.
 - **C.** cannot be pursued.
 - **D.** can only be pursued if it is bringing an action within 28 days of the date of the accident.
- **46.** On what basis are the terms of the Personal Effects Insurance Contribution Agreement adopted by insurers?
 - **A.** Agreement is compulsory for all insurers and is imposed by the Financial Conduct Authority to manage the costs of personal claims involving contribution by two or more insurers.
 - **B.** Agreement is compulsory for all members of the Association of British Insurers who transact personal lines business.
 - **C.** Agreement is voluntary and entirely at the discretion of individual members of the Association of British Insurers.
 - **D.** Agreement is voluntary and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority to manage the cost of personal lines claims involving contribution by two or more insurers.
- 47. A third party prestige vehicle has been involved in an accident. The value of the vehicle is £56,000 and estimated repairs are £54,000. The third party wants the vehicle to be repaired at his own repairer, who deals with prestige vehicles, although the repairer has said that it will be at least three months until parts are available. The third party is in a like-for-like vehicle so is happy to wait. What action would the claims handler take to deal with the claim most cost effectively?
 A. Allow the repair to proceed but insist on a lower specification of hire vehicle as a prestige vehicle is unnecessary.
 - **B.** Allow the third party to proceed with his own repairer.
 - **C.** Deal with the damage as a constructive total loss.
 - **D.** Use one of its appointed repairers, who has estimated that repair to the vehicle could be completed within the next week using modern parts.
- **48.** Where a third party is unhappy with the final settlement offer made by an insurer, in what circumstances, if any, can arbitration be pursued?
 - A. Arbitration can be pursued in all cases.
 - **B.** Arbitration can only be pursued if approved by the Financial Ombudsman Service.
 - **C.** Arbitration can only be pursued if the claimant is an individual.
 - **D.** Arbitration cannot be pursued.
- **49.** With regard to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), an insurance broker should be aware that **A.** all policies come under the authority of the FOS.
 - **B.** any decision made by the FOS is not binding on the complainant.
 - **C.** complainants have a maximum of six years after policy inception to refer a claim to the FOS.
 - **D.** the maximum FOS award is £415,000 including costs.

- **50.** In accordance with clause 1 of the Uninsured Drivers' Agreement, in what circumstances will the Motor Insurers' Bureau be required to meet a claim?
 - **A.** Where bikes fall from a bike rack attached to the rear of a vehicle.
 - **B.** Where an uncoupled trailer has been used.
 - **C.** Where a horsebox has been used.
 - **D.** Where a caravan is being towed.

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