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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 WUE 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 WUE 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 WUE 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/unit-insurance-underwriting-non-uk-wue/](http://www.cii.co.uk/learning/qualifications/unit-insurance-underwriting-non-uk-wue/)
- 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 WUE 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 2023/2024 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 WUE begin with *understand*. Different skill levels lead to different types of question, examples of which follow.

*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 WUE examination is 75 multiple choice questions (MCQs). 2 hours are allowed for this examination.

The WUE syllabus provided in this examination guide will be examined from 1 May 2023 until 30 April 2024.

Candidates will be examined on the basis of practice in a non-regulated environment.

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

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 or best response. Each question contains 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 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 **not** 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/](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.

# Insurance underwriting (non-UK)

## Objective

To provide knowledge and understanding of the role of underwriting including identification, assessment and acceptance of risk, rating and relevant financial factors.

Summary of learning outcomes	Number of questions in the examination*
1. Understand the material facts and information relating to the insurance underwriting process.	5
2. Understand underwriting procedures relating to the insurance underwriting process.	15
3. Understand insurance policies in relation to the insurance underwriting process.	10
4. Understand renewals and cancellation in relation to the insurance underwriting process.	3
5. Understand personal insurances in relation to the insurance underwriting process.	3
6. Understand commercial insurances in relation to the insurance underwriting process.	3
7. Understand the main support/ancillary services available in the insurance industry.	2
8. Understand underwriting considerations in relation to the insurance underwriting process.	13
9. Understand the principles and practices of pricing.	10
10. Understand pricing factors within the context of the insurance underwriting process.	5
11. Understand managing exposure within the context of the insurance underwriting process.	6

\* 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: 75 multiple choice questions (MCQs). 2 hours are allowed for this examination.
- This syllabus will be examined from 1 May 2023 until 30 April 2024.
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  2. Select the appropriate qualification
  3. Select your unit from the list provided
  4. Select qualification update on the right hand side of the page

## **1. Understand the material facts and information relating to the insurance underwriting process.**

- 1.1 Explain why an underwriter needs to be aware of material facts and information in assessing a risk.
- 1.2 Explain the concept of duties relating to disclosure and representation, to whom these apply and how the duties may be modified.
- 1.3 Define the words peril and hazard as used in the insurance industry and the relationship between them.
- 1.4 Explain the significance of moral and physical hazard for underwriters and how they are manifested.
- 1.5 Describe the methods used by underwriters to obtain material facts and information.

## **2. Understand underwriting procedures relating to the insurance underwriting process.**

- 2.1 Describe the general and specific questions asked of proposers.
- 2.2 Describe the good practice/guidelines relating to quotations.
- 2.3 Explain the methods by which underwriters gather material facts and information and their legal and contractual significance.
- 2.4 Describe the different ways in which premiums are calculated and may be subject to taxation.
- 2.5 Explain the legal significance of procedures relating to the issue of temporary evidence of cover, such as cover notes, policies and certificates of insurance.
- 2.6 Describe the relevance of premium payment for valid cover.
- 2.7 Describe the methods used by insurers to collect premiums including instalment facilities.

## **3. Understand insurance policies in relation to the insurance underwriting process.**

- 3.1 Describe the structure, functions and contents of a policy form.
- 3.2 Explain the meaning and significance of common policy exclusions.
- 3.3 Explain the meaning and significance of common policy conditions.
- 3.4 Explain how excesses, deductibles and franchises are used.
- 3.5 Explain the distinction between warranties, conditions and representations.

## **4. Understand renewals and cancellation in relation to the insurance underwriting process.**

- 4.1 Describe the legal processes relating to renewals.
- 4.2 Explain how cancellation clauses operate.

## **5. Understand personal insurances in relation to the insurance underwriting process.**

- 5.1 Describe the basic features and typical policy cover of motor insurance, health insurance, household insurance, travel insurance and extended warranties.

## **6. Understand commercial insurances in relation to the insurance underwriting process.**

- 6.1 Describe the basic features and typical policy cover of property insurance, pecuniary insurance and liability insurance.

## **7. Understand the main support/ancillary services available in the insurance industry.**

- 7.1 Describe the basic features of additional 'support' type insurance services available with specific reference to help lines, authorised repairers and suppliers, risk control/advice and uninsured loss recovery services.

## **8. Understand underwriting considerations in relation to the insurance underwriting process.**

- 8.1 Describe the key underwriting criteria for motor insurance, health insurance and personal insurances.
- 8.2 Describe the key underwriting criteria for commercial property insurance, including fire and special perils, theft insurance, glass insurance and money insurance.
- 8.3 Describe the key underwriting criteria for pecuniary insurances, including legal expense insurance and business interruption insurance.
- 8.4 Describe the key underwriting criteria for liability insurance, including employers' liability, public liability, pollution liability, product liability and professional indemnity.
- 8.5 Describe the key underwriting criteria for extended warranties.
- 8.6 Describe the procedures commonly used to discourage individuals from making fraudulent claims.
- 8.7 Describe the procedures commonly used to detect fraudulent claims.
- 8.8 Explain the consequences of fraudulent claims for the insurer, their insureds and the fraudulent claimant.
- 8.9 Explain how the fair treatment of customers and positive customer outcomes relates to insurance policies.

## **9. Understand the principles and practices of pricing.**

- 9.1 Describe the sources, availability and types of data essential to the underwriting process.
- 9.2 Explain the importance of claims information on underwriting terms/premium rates.



- 9.3 Explain the nature of risk in terms of frequency and severity of claims.
- 9.4 Explain the significance of the claims loss ratio on premiums/acceptance of risk.
- 9.5 Explain the distinction between underwriting year, policy year, accounting year and calendar year.
- 10. Understand pricing factors within the context of the insurance underwriting process.**
- 10.1 Define risk premium and its key features.
- 10.2 Describe the reporting factors of expenses, return on capital, investment income, tax and intermediary remuneration.
- 11. Understand managing exposure within the context of the insurance underwriting process.**
- 11.1 Describe the basic factors influencing the market cycle.
- 11.2 Describe the principles of risk accumulation.
- 11.3 Describe the basic reinsurance considerations including the types of reinsurance.

## 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

Insurance underwriting (non-UK). London: CII. Study text WUE.

### Books (and ebooks)

Bird's modern insurance law. 12<sup>th</sup> ed. John Birds. Sweet and Maxwell, 2022.\*

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

'Insurance intermediaries: underwriting agents' in Colinvaux's law of insurance. 11th ed. Prof. Robert Merkin. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2016.

Pricing in general insurance. Pietro Parodi. CRC Press, 2015.\*

### Online resources

The Insurance Institute of London (IIL) podcast lecture series features leading industry figures and subject experts speaking on current issues and trends impacting insurance and financial services. Available online at [www.cii.co.uk/insurance-institute-of-london/](http://www.cii.co.uk/insurance-institute-of-london/) (CII/PFS members only).

Recent developments in general insurance underwriting. Massimo Vascotto.

Principles and trends in general insurance underwriting. Massimo Vascotto.

Additional articles and technical bulletins are available under the Underwriting section of the website at [www.cii.co.uk/knowledge/underwriting](http://www.cii.co.uk/knowledge/underwriting).

### Periodicals

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

Post magazine. London: Incisive Financial Publishing. Monthly. Contents searchable online at [www.postonline.co.uk](http://www.postonline.co.uk).

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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).

### **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.

The insurance manual. Sadler, John.

Stourbridge, Worcs: Insurance Publishing &

Printing Co. Looseleaf updated annually.

### **Examination guide**

If you have a current study text enrolment, the current examination guide is included and is accessible via Revisionmate ([ciigroup.org/login](https://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.

1. At the renewal of an insurance policy, policyholders are **always** obliged under common law to
  - A. complete a new proposal form.
  - B. disclose any changes to material facts.
  - C. increase the sum insured in line with inflation.
  - D. renew the policy with the same insurer.
  
2. A material fact is **best** described as a fact that
  - A. has no bearing on physical hazard.
  - B. has no bearing on moral hazard.
  - C. may influence an underwriting decision.
  - D. must be on the regulator's approved list.
  
3. What is the relationship between a peril and a hazard?
  - A. A peril gives rise to a loss and a hazard influences the operation of the peril.
  - B. A peril is an insured loss and a hazard is an uninsured loss.
  - C. A peril is the end cause of a loss and a hazard is the proximate cause of a loss.
  - D. A peril is the physical nature of a risk and a hazard is the moral nature of a risk.
  
4. In relation to fire insurance and the consideration of hazard, metal fire doors and fire-resistant walls are considered to be
  - A. good moral hazards.
  - B. good physical hazards.
  - C. poor moral hazards.
  - D. poor physical hazards.
  
5. An insurer may occasionally delegate underwriting in order to
  - A. comply with the requirements of the regulator.
  - B. ensure that only good quality risks are accepted.
  - C. reduce the risk of non-disclosure.
  - D. speed up the process and reduce administrative costs.
  
6. Chris is completing a proposal form and has been advised that he is **legally** obliged to declare all material facts. If he is unsure whether a fact is material or **NOT**, he should
  - A. disclose it fully.
  - B. not disclose it.
  - C. only disclose it if it is specifically addressed by one of the questions.
  - D. only disclose it if it relates to a criminal offence.

7. When the annual premium for a motor insurance policy is payable by instalments using direct debit, what payment frequency is **most likely** to be involved?
- A. Weekly.
  - B. Monthly.
  - C. Quarterly.
  - D. Half-yearly.
8. What is the **usual** premium base for an employers' liability policy?
- A. The limit of indemnity.
  - B. The sum insured.
  - C. The turnover.
  - D. The wage roll.
9. In a proposal form, **risk** specific questions are those
- A. that are common to most general insurance risks.
  - B. that pertain to the particular details of a proposed risk.
  - C. that relate to matters evaluating whether information is material or not.
  - D. where the proposer warrants the answer to be correct.
10. During the period that a quotation was valid, the proposer accepted the quoted terms in writing. In what circumstances, if any, is the insurer **legally** permitted to withdraw these terms?
- A. Only if the basis of the risk has changed.
  - B. Only if the insurer decided to withdraw from this section of the market.
  - C. Only if this type of cover is widely available in the marketplace.
  - D. In no circumstances.
11. What is the **main** consequence of an insurer offering a high standard sum insured under a household contents insurance policy?
- A. It reduces the possibility of underinsurance.
  - B. It increases reliance on the average clause.
  - C. It reduces the number of claims that are handled.
  - D. It increases the incidence of subrogation.
12. Michael has a household contents policy and makes a claim early in the period of insurance. Why is it **NOT** necessary that he has received a copy of the policy to make a claim?
- A. A cover note would have been issued.
  - B. The policy is only evidence of the contract, not the contract itself.
  - C. The regulator specifies that it is not necessary.
  - D. This is not a requirement with compulsory insurances.

13. A valid employers' liability insurance certificate **must** contain the insured's
- A. address.
  - B. name.
  - C. number of employees.
  - D. occupation.
14. For a contract of insurance to be valid the premium **must**
- A. be quoted.
  - B. be paid or agreed to be paid.
  - C. be shown on the certificate.
  - D. include Insurance Premium Tax.
15. What document is used to obtain material facts?
- A. Key features document.
  - B. Policy schedule.
  - C. Proposal form.
  - D. Quotation statement.
16. In a proposal form, what type of questions would a proposer's name, address and occupation be classified as?
- A. Express.
  - B. General.
  - C. Objective.
  - D. Specific.
17. What is the **most common** basis of premium calculation for public liability insurance and products liability insurance?
- A. Business value.
  - B. Limit of indemnity.
  - C. Profit.
  - D. Turnover.
18. When a premium is paid by monthly direct debit why is an additional charge **usually** levied by the insurer?
- A. To cover the loss of interest.
  - B. To cover the risk of non-payment.
  - C. The regulator requires it.
  - D. The ombudsman requires it.

19. An insurer has issued a motor insurance quotation valid for 21 days. Assuming the customer has yet to accept it, at what point(s) can the insurer withdraw this offer, if at all?
- A. At no point.
  - B. Only during the first 7 days.
  - C. Only during the first 14 days.
  - D. At any point.
20. What is the **most likely** premium frequency for an insurance policy if the premium is paid by debit card?
- A. Monthly.
  - B. Quarterly.
  - C. Half-yearly.
  - D. Annually.
21. Which component of a policy is personal and specific to an insured?
- A. The operative clause.
  - B. The policy conditions.
  - C. The policy schedule.
  - D. The recital clause.
22. What can an insurer of frozen food apply to exclude a loss arising from a short failure of the electricity supply lasting 30 minutes or less, but which will cover the whole loss if the supply failure exceeds 30 minutes?
- A. An aggregate.
  - B. A deductible.
  - C. An excess.
  - D. A franchise.
23. The **main** purpose of the recital clause in a household insurance policy is to
- A. list all of the general exclusions of the contract.
  - B. make the proposal form the basis of the contract.
  - C. show the details of cover provided by the contract.
  - D. state the renewal date of the contract.
24. Conditions that are covered by common law and therefore do **NOT** need to appear in an insurance policy are known as
- A. express conditions.
  - B. general conditions.
  - C. implied conditions.
  - D. legal conditions.

25. An exclusion in an insurer's household insurance policy is deemed a general exclusion, but **NOT** a market exclusion. This means the exclusion
- A. applies to a particular section of the policy, but does not apply across the entire policy.
  - B. applies to all sections of the policy, but has not generally been adopted by other insurers.
  - C. operates under case law precedent rather than under the provision of statute.
  - D. relates to a pure risk rather than to a speculative risk.
26. An insurer is advised that a break-in has occurred but the insured has failed to report the incident to the police. What part of the insurance policy has been breached?
- A. The conditions.
  - B. The exclusions.
  - C. The preamble.
  - D. The schedule.
27. An insured property suffers extensive water damage. A claims handler notes that the insured has **NOT** complied with the minimum security requirement. What action would be taken?
- A. The claim would be paid but the policy would be cancelled.
  - B. The claim would be avoided and the policy would be cancelled.
  - C. The claim would be paid and the policy would remain in force.
  - D. The claim would be avoided but the policy would remain in force.
28. The amount of any claim which is the responsibility of the insured and which the insurer will deduct from any claim payment is known as
- A. a condition.
  - B. an excess.
  - C. a franchise.
  - D. a warranty.
29. Which section of a motor policy would detail the name of the insurer and also, possibly, the address?
- A. The heading.
  - B. The operative clause.
  - C. The policy conditions.
  - D. The preamble.

30. In the event of a claim, the right of an insurer to call upon other insurers who cover some or all of the same risk to share the cost, is known as
- A. Alteration.
  - B. Arbitration.
  - C. Contribution.
  - D. Subrogation.
31. Alicia has a household insurance policy that is renewable on 1 July with 15 days of grace. If Alicia paid the renewal premium on 9 July, from which date would the cover apply?
- A. 1 July.
  - B. 9 July.
  - C. 16 July.
  - D. 24 July.
32. What is the **minimum** length of the notice period, if any, under a standard cancellation clause of a household policy?
- A. There is no notice period.
  - B. 7 days.
  - C. 14 days.
  - D. 28 days.
33. Six weeks after the start date of an engineering insurance policy with a **typical** cancellation clause, the insurer received a survey report and decided to cancel the policy. What is the **earliest** point at which cover can cease?
- A. With immediate effect.
  - B. The end of the prescribed notification period.
  - C. The first day of the following month.
  - D. 90 days after cover started.
34. A customer's buildings insurance policy is due for renewal in three months' time. In what circumstances, if any, is the existing insurer **legally** required to offer renewal terms?
- A. In no circumstances.
  - B. Only if there is an associated mortgage.
  - C. Only if the insurer is a member of the local insurance association.
  - D. In all circumstances.



35. What limit, if any, is **usually** placed on the number of claims that can be made under a motor insurance policy in any one policy year?
- A. A limit that is always agreed at the start of the policy year.
  - B. A limit that is renegotiated at renewal depending on previous claims experience.
  - C. A limit which can vary according to the age of the insured.
  - D. There is no limit on the number of claims that can be made.
36. Under what class of insurance is a joint insured clause **typically** included?
- A. Annual travel insurance.
  - B. Extended warranty insurance.
  - C. Motor fleet insurance.
  - D. Personal accident insurance.
37. Which type of insurance policy would cover an insured for the cost of repairs following an electrical defect in a television?
- A. A commercial all risks insurance policy.
  - B. An extended warranty insurance policy.
  - C. A personal all risks insurance policy.
  - D. A products liability insurance policy.
38. What is the implication of writing professional indemnity insurance on a **claims made** basis?
- A. More than one claim is needed for the policy to be effective.
  - B. New claims must always be submitted to the current insurer.
  - C. New claims must always be submitted to the previous insurer.
  - D. Previous claims are the sole underwriting criteria.
39. Cover for theft under a commercial insurance policy is **usually** subject to
- A. forcible and violent entry only to a secured building.
  - B. forcible and violent exit only from a secured building.
  - C. forcible and violent entry to or exit from a secured building.
  - D. theft notwithstanding forcible and violent entry to or exit from a secured building.
40. What does products liability insurance **principally** cover?
- A. The cost of recalling defective goods.
  - B. Claims made against the insured as a result of defective goods.
  - C. Claims made against the insured by employees for injuries received whilst at work.
  - D. Financial damages incurred as a result of incorrect professional advice.

41. For which class of insurance is an underwriter **most likely** to request a risk survey?
- A. Commercial insurance.
  - B. Household buildings insurance.
  - C. Medical expenses insurance.
  - D. Motor insurance.
42. The **main** advantage to a motor insurer of operating an authorised repairer scheme is that it
- A. can charge an additional premium for the scheme.
  - B. can reduce the liability of any third party who may have caused damage.
  - C. can refuse to release a vehicle until any excess has been paid.
  - D. will have more control over the costs incurred.
43. When assessing the maximum exposure for any one risk relating to fire damage, a surveyor will calculate the
- A. estimated maximum loss.
  - B. estimated minimum loss.
  - C. expected maximum loss.
  - D. expected minimum loss.
44. What **typically** will be the underwriter's **main** concern when considering an application for public liability insurance?
- A. The location of the premises.
  - B. The nature of the business.
  - C. The profitability of the company.
  - D. The size of the payroll.
45. When an insurer is considering an income protection insurance proposal, it will **usually** place the applicant into a particular premium rating class based on his
- A. age.
  - B. level of earnings.
  - C. lifestyle.
  - D. occupation.
46. An 18-year-old individual is applying for motor insurance. In relation to which type(s) of policy cover is his age **likely** to influence the premium rating?
- A. Third party cover only.
  - B. Third party, fire and theft cover only.
  - C. Comprehensive cover only.
  - D. All types of cover.

47. The buildings sum insured for a fire insurance policy should ideally be linked to the
- A. current market value.
  - B. purchase price only.
  - C. purchase price plus inflation.
  - D. rebuilding costs.
48. For which class of insurance is it an underwriting requirement to know the length of the indemnity period and the potential loss of revenue?
- A. Business interruption insurance.
  - B. Products liability insurance.
  - C. Public liability insurance.
  - D. Theft insurance.
49. What is the **main** criteria for underwriting extended warranty insurance for domestic electrical appliances?
- A. Age of insured appliance.
  - B. Country of manufacture.
  - C. Postal code of insured.
  - D. Type and value of appliance.
50. What method of settlement does an insurer **typically** use to deter fraudulent household goods claims?
- A. Agreed value.
  - B. Cash reimbursement.
  - C. First loss.
  - D. Replacement.
51. Why is moving from a paper-based method of claims submission to a telephone-based method **likely** to discourage fraud?
- A. The claimant will have to provide more evidence.
  - B. The details are easier to hold on a central database.
  - C. Individuals often find it easier to lie filling out a form.
  - D. More staff will be involved with the investigations.
52. A **key** function of the Art Loss Register is to help insurers to
- A. confirm insurable interest.
  - B. discourage potential fraud.
  - C. quantify settlement values.
  - D. satisfy reinsurer requirements.

53. A firm of solicitors is applying for professional indemnity insurance. When underwriting the **risk**, what information is the underwriter **most likely** to consider the key rating factor?
- A. The age of the senior partner.
  - B. The fees earned by the practice.
  - C. The location of the office.
  - D. The number of support staff.
54. An insurer will **usually** make an insurance policy void without refunding the premium if the policyholder
- A. arranges identical cover elsewhere.
  - B. loses insurable interest.
  - C. receives a criminal conviction.
  - D. submits a fraudulent claim.
55. An insurer who complies with contract certainty requirements is **likely** to be treating its customers fairly in relation to
- A. agreeing policy terms before the start of the contract.
  - B. calculating the premium.
  - C. paying a valid claim.
  - D. settling a dispute between the parties.
56. An insurance policy shows a gross premium of £1,000, settled claims of £300 and outstanding claims of £200. What is the incurred loss ratio?
- A. 25%
  - B. 30%
  - C. 33%
  - D. 50%
57. Regarding a risk profile that is high frequency and low severity, an insurer will expect
- A. many high value claims.
  - B. many small value claims.
  - C. only a few high value claims.
  - D. only a few small value claims.

58. Claims data for a particular insurance policy is being grouped according to the date of loss, with losses occurring in 2018 grouped separately from those occurring in 2017. What **main** type of monitoring period is **most likely** to be in operation?
- A. Accounting year.
  - B. Calendar year.
  - C. Policy year.
  - D. Underwriting year.
59. Operational data is **mainly** used by insurers to monitor the
- A. control of the insurance risk.
  - B. effectiveness of general procedures and practices.
  - C. organisation's overall business performance.
  - D. success of different departments within the organisation.
60. What is the **main** source of data that will determine the rate for an insurer's private car portfolio?
- A. Competitors' terms, rates and excesses.
  - B. Its own past claims history across similar risks.
  - C. The industry's collated claims experience.
  - D. The regulator's statistical information.
61. Why is the accurate analysis of an insurer's past claims so important?
- A. It is essential for the profitability of the underwriting account.
  - B. It provides an analysis of the efficiency of claims service levels.
  - C. It provides indications of excessive risk accumulation.
  - D. The claims history guides coinsurance considerations.
62. The period of cover for a single insurance policy from its inception through to its first renewal date is called
- A. an accounting year.
  - B. a calendar year.
  - C. a policy year.
  - D. an underwriting year.
63. How are claims allocated when monitored on a calendar year basis?
- A. Proportionately depending on the time of year.
  - B. They are based on the date of loss.
  - C. They are based on unearned premium income.
  - D. To the next full year starting 1 January.

64. In terms of the frequency and severity of risk, an accident involving an aircraft carrier would be classified as
- A. high frequency, high severity.
  - B. high frequency, low severity.
  - C. low frequency, high severity.
  - D. low frequency, low severity.
65. Actual loss ratios relate to values that
- A. have been adjusted for inflation.
  - B. have not had any adjustments factored in.
  - C. measure average losses over a given period.
  - D. take into account reinsurance costs.
66. What factor would contribute to two different companies with identical wage rolls paying **significantly** different premiums for employers' liability insurance?
- A. Any no claims discounts.
  - B. The geographical location.
  - C. The number of directors.
  - D. The type of business.
67. The ultimate cost in claims of a risk being accepted is defined as a
- A. loss ratio.
  - B. material fact.
  - C. reinsurance.
  - D. risk premium.
68. An insurer makes provision within its risk premiums for long tail claims. Which class of insurance will this **normally** involve?
- A. Commercial property.
  - B. Liability.
  - C. Pecuniary.
  - D. Personal accident.
69. Insurers X and Y have returns on capital employed of 6.5% and 8.5% respectively. This tends to suggest that
- A. X has more policyholders than Y.
  - B. Y has more policyholders than X.
  - C. X is more profitable than Y.
  - D. Y is more profitable than X.

70. In relation to the premium, costs that alter depending on the nature of each risk are known as
- A. calculated expenses.
  - B. fluctuating expenses.
  - C. proportioned expenses.
  - D. variable expenses.
71. Which **key** method is used by an insurer to protect itself against loss exposures arising from a single event?
- A. External risk surveillance.
  - B. Premium reviews.
  - C. Policy endorsements.
  - D. Reinsurance cover.
72. A reduction in the availability of a particular type of insurance cover will **generally** cause
- A. a fall in premiums.
  - B. an increase in premiums.
  - C. a limit on reinsurance options.
  - D. a reduction in the insurer's profits.
73. The underwriting cycle refers to the
- A. administration process from proposal to policy issue.
  - B. changes in market capacity and its bearing on underwriting acceptance criteria.
  - C. movement of underwriters between different roles in the company.
  - D. training of underwriters to assess higher risks.
74. Insurance company X want to protect its fire insurance account against the impact of large one-off losses. What form of reinsurance should it purchase?
- A. Excess of loss.
  - B. Loss ratio coverage.
  - C. Quota share.
  - D. Stop loss.
75. An insurer wishing to accept a risk which exceeds its normal underwriting limits is **most likely** to
- A. exclude cover for catastrophic risks.
  - B. insist on a large excess.
  - C. make use of a reinsurance facility.
  - D. place special conditions on the policy.

## Specimen Examination Answers and Learning Outcomes Covered

Question	Answer	Learning Outcome	Question	Answer	Learning Outcome	Question	Answer	Learning Outcome
<b>Learning Outcome 1</b>			<b>Learning Outcome 4</b>			<b>Learning Outcome 9</b>		
1	B	1.2	31	A	4.1	56	D	9.4
2	C	1.1	32	B	4.2	57	B	9.3
3	A	1.3	33	B	4.2	58	B	9.5
4	B	1.4	34	A	4.1	59	B	9.1
5	D	1.5	<b>4 Questions</b>			60	B	9.1
6	A	1.2				61	A	9.2
<b>6 Questions</b>			<b>Learning Outcome 5</b>			62	C	9.5
			35	D	5.1	63	B	9.5
<b>Learning Outcome 2</b>			36	C	5.1	64	C	9.3
7	B	2.7	37	B	5.1	65	B	9.4
8	D	2.4	<b>3 Questions</b>			<b>10 Questions</b>		
9	B	2.1						
10	A	2.2	<b>Learning Outcome 6</b>			<b>Learning Outcome 10</b>		
11	A	2.4	38	B	6.1	66	D	10.1
12	B	2.5	39	C	6.1	67	D	10.1
13	B	2.5	40	B	6.1	68	B	10.1
14	B	2.6	<b>3 Questions</b>			69	D	10.2
15	C	2.3				70	D	10.2
16	B	2.1	<b>Learning Outcome 7</b>			<b>5 Questions</b>		
17	D	2.4	41	A	7.1			
18	A	2.7	42	D	7.1	<b>Learning Outcome 11</b>		
19	D	2.2	43	A	7.1	71	D	11.2
20	D	2.7	<b>3 Questions</b>			72	B	11.1
<b>14 Questions</b>						73	B	11.1
			<b>Learning Outcome 8</b>			74	A	11.3
<b>Learning Outcome 3</b>			44	B	8.4	75	C	11.3
21	C	3.1	45	D	8.1	<b>5 Questions</b>		
22	D	3.4	46	D	8.1			
23	B	3.1	47	D	8.2			
24	C	3.5	48	A	8.3			
25	B	3.2	49	D	8.3			
26	A	3.5	50	D	8.6			
27	C	3.5	51	C	8.6			
28	B	3.4	52	B	8.7			
29	A	3.1	53	B	8.4			
30	C	3.3	54	D	8.8			
<b>10 Questions</b>			55	A	8.9			
			<b>12 Questions</b>					