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Subject CM1 – Actuarial Mathematics Core Principles Paper A

Introduction

The Examiners' Report is written by the Chief Examiner with the aim of helping candidates, both those who are sitting the examination for the first time and using past papers as a revision aid and also those who have previously failed the subject.

The Examiners are charged by Council with examining the published syllabus. The Examiners have access to the Core Reading, which is designed to interpret the syllabus, and will generally base questions around it but are not required to examine the content of Core Reading specifically or exclusively.

For numerical questions the Examiners' approach to the solution is reproduced in this report; other valid approaches are given appropriate credit. For essay-style questions, particularly the open-ended questions in the later subjects, the report may contain more points than the Examiners will expect from a solution that scores full marks.

The report is written based on the legislative and regulatory context pertaining to the date that the examination was set. Candidates should take into account the possibility that circumstances may have changed if using these reports for revision.

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A. General comments on the *aims of this subject and how it is marked*

CM1 provides a grounding in the principles of modelling as applied to actuarial work - focusing particularly on deterministic models which can be used to model and value known cashflows as well as those which are dependent on death, survival, or other uncertain risks.

Please note that different answers may be obtained to those shown in these solutions depending on whether figures obtained from tables or from calculators are used in the calculations but candidates are not penalised for this. However, candidates may lose marks where excessive rounding has been used or where insufficient working is shown.

Although the solutions show full actuarial notation, candidates were generally expected to use standard keystrokes in their solutions.

Candidates should pay attention to any instructions included in questions; failure to do so can lead to fewer marks being awarded.

In particular, where the instruction, “*showing all working*” is included and the candidate shows little or no working, then the candidate will be awarded very few marks.

Where a question specifies a method to use (e.g. *determine the present value of income using annuity functions*) then when a candidate uses a different method the candidate will not be awarded full marks.

Candidates are advised to familiarise themselves with the meaning of the command verbs (e.g. state, determine, calculate). These identify what needs to be included in answers in order to be awarded full marks.

B. Comments on *candidate performance in this diet of the examination.*

The comments that follow the questions concentrate on areas where candidates could have improved their performance. Where no comment is made, the question was generally answered well. The examiners look most closely at the performance of the candidates close to the pass mark and the comments therefore often relate to those scripts.

A large number of candidates appeared to be inadequately prepared, in terms of not having sufficiently covered the entire breadth of the subject. We would advise candidates not to underestimate the quantity of study required for this subject.

Candidates should be aware that the questions cannot be answered using knowledge alone and well prepared candidates will demonstrate application of their knowledge to the questions asked.

Where candidates made numerical errors, the examiners awarded marks for the correct method used and also for the parts of the calculation that were correct. However, many candidates often did not show enough of their working to fully benefit from this.

The Examiners felt that the “open book” nature of the online exam led some candidates to rely on their notes much more than if the exam had been “closed book”. The Examiners strongly recommend that candidates prepare for online exams just as thoroughly as they would do if the exam were of the traditional “closed book” format. Candidates are recommended to use their notes only as a tool to check or confirm answers where necessary, rather than as a source for looking up the answers.

C. Pass Mark

The Pass Mark for this exam was 53.
1344 presented themselves and 533 passed.

Whilst the paper was of a similar standard to previous sittings there were questions within this paper that covered areas of the syllabus which hadn't been examined recently. It was apparent that many candidates were not adequately prepared for this and therefore the examiners took this into consideration when setting the pass mark.

Candidates need to be aware that examiners can ask questions from across the breadth of the syllabus and that they will be asked to apply their knowledge in different situations. Candidates are advised to access as much learning material as available to them and not rely on past papers alone when preparing to sit the examination.

Solutions for Subject CM1 Paper A– September 2021

Q1

t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	0	-1	+1	+1

t=10 and 9: adjusted cashflows = +1 and +1

t=8: zeroise cashflow, adjusted cashflow = 0, need reserves @ t=7 of +1

t=7: adjusted cashflow = 0 - 1 = -1 (after reserve),
Zeroise cashflow, adjusted cashflow = 0, need reserves @ t=6 of +1

t=6: adjusted cashflow = -1 - 1 = -2 (after reserve),
Zeroise cashflow, adjusted cashflow = 0, need reserves @ t=5 of +2

t=5: adjusted cashflow = 1 - 2 = -1 (after reserve),
Zeroise cashflow, adjusted cashflow = 0, need reserves @ t=4 of +1

t=4: adjusted cashflow = 1 - 1 = 0 (after reserve),
STOP THIS RUN OF ZEROISING

t=3: cashflow = +1

t=2: zeroise cashflow, adjusted cashflow = 0, need reserves @ t=1 of +1

$t=1$: adjusted cashflow = $+1-1=0$ (after reserve)

Reserve

${}_tV$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	+1	0	0	+1	+2	+1	+1	0	0	0

[1]

Revised profit signature is

t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	0	0	+1	0	0	0	0	0	+1	+1

[2]

Generally well answered.

Candidates needed to include some explanation on the derivation of the revised profit signature to gain full marks since the command word was “determine”.

Q2

(a)

$$\mu_{55:60} = \mu_{55} + \mu_{60} = 0.000976 + 0.001918 = 0.002894$$

[1]

(b)

$${}_5P_{55:60} = \frac{l_{60}}{l_{55}} \times \frac{l_{65}}{l_{60}} = \frac{l_{65}}{l_{55}} = \frac{9703.708}{9917.623} = 0.97843082$$

[1]

(c)

$${}_2q_{60:60}^1 = \frac{1}{2} \times ({}_2q_{60:60}) = \frac{1}{2} \times (1 - {}_2P_{60:60}) = \frac{1}{2} \times (1 - {}_2P_{60} \times {}_2P_{60})$$

[1]

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \left(1 - \left(\frac{l_{62}}{l_{60}} \right)^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(1 - \left(\frac{9804.173}{9848.431} \right)^2 \right) = 0.004483816$$

[1]

[Total 4]

Well answered.

Q3

In all parts we are calculating expected present values [½]
and the life is healthy at $t = 0$ ($x = 40$) [½]

(a)

2,000 per annum payable continuously [½]

when the life is in the sick state [½]

for the first and any subsequent bouts of sickness [½]

All payments cease at time 20 (age 60) [½]

(b)

1,000 per annum payable continuously [½]

while the life remains in the healthy state [½]

The contract ceases when the life leaves the healthy state for the first time or at time 20 (or when life attains age 60) [½]

(c)

20,000 lump sum payable immediately [½]

on death from the sick state [½]

if death occurs before time 20 (age 60) [½]

[Total 6]

Few candidates scored full marks. Most candidates omitted important elements in their descriptions such as the initial states of the life (healthy), annuity payments being made continuously, lump sums being paid immediately, whether return to the healthy state was permitted.

A number of candidates were unable to demonstrate they understood the difference between an annuity type benefit and a lump sum benefit payable immediately when a transition occurs.

Q4

Working in \$m

(a) PV of outgo = $10 + 8v = 17.5472$ [1]

(b) PV of income
 $= v(0.5(Ia)_{\overline{6}|} + 3.5a_{\overline{6}|}) + v^7(8a_{\overline{7}|} - (Ia)_{\overline{7}|})$ [3]

$$= v(0.5 \times 16.3767 + 3.5 \times 4.9173) + v^7(8 \times 5.5824 - 21.0321)$$

$$= 23.9612 + 15.7134 = 39.6746 \quad [1\frac{1}{2}]$$

$$\text{NPV} = 39.6746 - 17.5472 = \$22.1274\text{m} \quad [1\frac{1}{2}]$$

Generally well answered.

This question specified that candidates should use annuity functions; those that did not were heavily penalised.

Some candidates were unable to determine as to when annuity cashflows started. This led them to include erroneous discount factors.

Q5

The price is given by the present value of the expected future dividend payments:

$$P = v^2 D_0 \left(1 + 1.06v + 1.06^2 v^2 + \dots + 1.06^{10} v^{10} \left(1 + 1.03v + 1.03^2 v^2 + \dots \right) \right) @ 7\% p.a.$$

$$= v^2 D_0 \left(\ddot{a}_{10|}^{j\%} + 1.06^{10} v^{10} \ddot{a}_{\infty|}^{i^*\%} \right) \quad [3]$$

where $\frac{1.06}{1.07} = \frac{1}{1+j} \Rightarrow j = 0.94340\%$ and $\frac{1.03}{1.07} = \frac{1}{1+i^*} \Rightarrow i^* = 3.88350\%$ [1]

and

$$D_0 = \$0.20 \text{ and } \ddot{a}_{10|}^{i^*} = 9.58975 \text{ and } \ddot{a}_{\infty|}^{i^*} = 26.75 \quad [2]$$

$$P = \frac{0.20}{1.1449} (9.58975 + 0.910376 \times 26.75) = 5.929 \quad [\frac{1}{2}]$$

Therefore, the required price is \$5.93 [1/2]

Many candidates failed to demonstrate how to translate a description of cashflows into an actuarial equation that accurately valued those cashflows.

A common error was leaving out the second (6%) growth rate.

A number of candidates missed out on marks by not giving their final answer to 2 decimal places.

Q6

Let i_t = annual effective spot rate for t-year period

$f_{t,1}$ = annual effective one-year forward rate at time t

$$107.60 = 6(v_{i_1} + v_{i_2}^2 + v_{i_3}^3) + 100v_{i_3}^3 \quad (1) \quad [1]$$

$$100 = 6.5(v_{i_1} + v_{i_2}^2) + 100v_{i_2}^2 \quad (2) \quad [1]$$

$$(1+i_2)^2 = (1+i_1) \times (1+f_{1,1}) = (1+i_1) \times 1.045 \quad (3) \quad [1]$$

From (3), $v_{i_2}^2 = v_{i_1} \times \frac{1}{1.045}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{from (2), } 100 = 6.5 \times v_{i_1} + (6.5 + 100) \times v_{i_1} \times \frac{1}{1.045}$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = v_{i_1} \times \left(6.5 + \frac{6.5}{1.045} + \frac{100}{1.045} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow i_1 = 8.41388\% \text{ p.a.} \quad [2]$$

And from (3), $i_2 = 6.43895\% \text{ p.a.} \quad [1]$

And from (1), $107.60 = 6 \times (v_{i_1} + v_{i_2}^2) + 106 \times v_{i_3}^3 \Rightarrow i_3 = 3.08345\% \text{ p.a.} \quad [1]$

Poorly answered.

Many candidates appeared to not understand the relationship between spot rates and forward rates, nor the meaning of par yield. This led many candidates to setting up incorrect formulae.

Many candidates also calculated the gross redemption yield for the 3-year fixed interest bond. This provided no additional information to solve the question and therefore no marks for awarded for this.

$$\text{Q7} \quad \text{EPV Expenses} = 30,000 \times 0.03 \times Z + 250 \quad [1]$$

Where Z = EPV of \$1 pa of the reversionary annuities

$$= a_{65:15}^{(12)m} + a_{65:15}^{(12)f} - 2a_{65:65:15}^{(12)mf} \quad [2]$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{65:15}^{(12)m} &= a_{65}^{(12)m} - v^{15} \times \frac{l_{80}^m}{l_{65}^m} \times a_{80}^{(12)m} = \left(\ddot{a}_{65}^m - \frac{13}{24} \right) - v^{15} \times \frac{l_{80}^m}{l_{65}^m} \times \left(\ddot{a}_{80}^m - \frac{13}{24} \right) \\ &= \left(13.666 - \frac{13}{24} \right) - v^{15} \times \frac{6,953.536}{9,647.797} \times \left(7.506 - \frac{13}{24} \right) = 10.3372 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{65:15}^{(12)f} &= a_{65}^{(12)f} - v^{15} \times \frac{l_{80}^f}{l_{65}^f} \times a_{80}^{(12)f} = \left(\ddot{a}_{65}^f - \frac{13}{24} \right) - v^{15} \times \frac{l_{80}^f}{l_{65}^f} \times \left(\ddot{a}_{80}^f - \frac{13}{24} \right) \\ &= \left(14.871 - \frac{13}{24} \right) - v^{15} \times \frac{7,724.737}{9,703.708} \times \left(8.989 - \frac{13}{24} \right) = 10.5954 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{65:65:15}^{(12)mf} &= a_{65:65}^{(12)mf} - v^{15} \times \frac{l_{80}^m}{l_{65}^m} \times \frac{l_{80}^f}{l_{65}^f} \times a_{80:80}^{(12)mf} = \left(\ddot{a}_{65:65}^{mf} - \frac{13}{24} \right) - v^{15} \times \frac{l_{80}^m}{l_{65}^m} \times \frac{l_{80}^f}{l_{65}^f} \times \left(\ddot{a}_{80:80}^{mf} - \frac{13}{24} \right) \\ &= \left(11.958 - \frac{13}{24} \right) - v^{15} \times \frac{l_{80}^m}{l_{65}^m} \times \frac{l_{80}^f}{l_{65}^f} \times \left(5.857 - \frac{13}{24} \right) = 9.7230 \end{aligned} \quad [5\frac{1}{2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow Z = 10.3372 + 10.5954 - 2 \times 9.7230 = 1.4867 \quad [1\frac{1}{2}]$$

Single Premium = EPV Expenses + EPV annuity

$$30,000 \times 1.03 \times 1.4867 + 250 = 46,189.13$$

Single Premium is \$46,189 [1]

Poorly answered.

Many candidates appeared to not understand how to value a reversionary annuity.

Several candidates missed part of the annuity payment details when valuing the benefit. For example, assuming the benefit was payable in advance, or annually, or assuming the benefit was payable for the whole of the policyholder's life.

One common error was using an incorrect adjustment to the tabulated annuity rates to arrive at the monthly in arrears annuity rate.

Q8

(i)

If $0 < t \leq 4$ then accumulation to time t is

$$e^{\int_0^t \delta(t) dt} = e^{\int_0^t (0.06+0.02t) dt} = e^{(0.06t+0.01t^2)} \quad [1]$$

If $4 < t$ then accumulation to time t is

$$e^{\left[\int_0^4 (0.06+0.02t) dt + \int_4^t (0.08-0.01t) dt \right]} \quad [1]$$

$$= e^{(0.06 \times 4 + 0.01 \times 4^2)} \cdot e^{\left[0.08t - 0.005t^2 \right]_4^t} = e^{0.4} \cdot e^{\left[0.08t - 0.005t^2 - (0.32 - 0.08) \right]} = e^{(0.16 + 0.08t - 0.005t^2)} \quad [1]$$

So:

$$a = 0, \quad [1/2]$$

$$b = 0.06 \quad [1/2]$$

$$c = 0.01 \quad [1/2]$$

$$f = 0.16 \quad [1/2]$$

$$g = 0.08 \quad [1/2]$$

$$h = -0.005 \quad [1/2]$$

(ii)

Accumulated amount at $t=13$ is:

$$600 \times \frac{A(0,13)}{A(0,3)} + 900 \times \frac{A(0,13)}{A(0,9)} \quad [2]$$

$$= 600 \times \left(\frac{e^{0.355}}{e^{0.270}} \right) + 900 \times \left(\frac{e^{0.355}}{e^{0.475}} \right) \quad [1]$$

$$= 653.23 + 798.23 = \text{£}1,451.46 \quad [1]$$

(iii)

Let $j\%$ per monthly yield

$$\text{Then } 600(1+j)^{120} + 900(1+j)^{48} = 1,451.46 \quad [1]$$

It can be seen that $j = 0\%$ gives a left-hand side value of 1,500 which implies that j must be slightly negative [1/2]

Try $j = -0.1\%$ and left-hand side value is 1,389.92 (which is further from 1451.46 than 1500) [1]

Hence, answer is 0.0 % per month [1/2]

(iv)

The force of interest is negative for all times after time 8 [½]

So the 900 decreases in value from the time of investment onwards. Whereas the 600 increases for a period and then decreases [½]

The overall effect is that the accumulated value of the investments returns roughly to the original amounts invested, hence the overall yield is approximately 0.0% per annum [½]

[Marks available 1½, maximum 1]

Part (i) Generally well answered. Candidates should remember that the command verb "Determine" means that candidates will only be awarded full marks if they made clear their reasoning. Listing the numeric answers is not sufficient to gain full marks.

Part (ii) Many candidates appeared to be unfamiliar with how the accumulation factors derived in part (i) could be used to answer part (ii), and so used a valid alternative but more time-consuming approach.

A common error was to use the accumulation factors derive in part (i) but not to apply it from time zero.

Part (iii) Poorly answered. A common error was to calculate the effective interest rate per annum instead of per month.

Part (iv) Poorly answered.

Q9

(i)

$$\text{EPV Premiums } P\ddot{a}_{30:30|}^{4\%} = 50,000 \times v^{30} \frac{l_{60}}{l_{30}}$$

$$P \times 17.756 = 50,000 \times 0.30832 \times \frac{9,287.2164}{9,925.2094} = 14,425.00 \Rightarrow P = 812.40 \quad [½]$$

$$\text{Reserve: } {}_{25}V = 50,000 \times v^5 \times \frac{l_{60}}{l_{55}} - 812.40 \times \ddot{a}_{55:5|} \quad [½]$$

$$= 50,000 \times 0.821927 \times \frac{9,287.2164}{9,557.8179} - 812.40 \times 4.585 = 36,207.97 \quad [½]$$

Mortality profit

$$DSAR = 0 - 36,207.97 = -36,207.97 \quad [1]$$

$$E(\text{death}) = (315 + 2) \times q_{54} = 317 \times 0.003976 = 1.2604 \quad [1]$$

$$EDS = 1.2604 \times (-36,207.97) = -45,636.24 \quad [½]$$

$$ADS = 2 \times (-36,207.97) = -72,415.95 \quad [1\frac{1}{2}]$$

$$EDS - ADS = 26,779.71$$

Mortality profit is \$26,780. [1\frac{1}{2}]

(ii)

A death leads to a release of reserve which contributes to profit [1]

With a Pure Endowment no death benefit is paid [1]

So higher than expected deaths leads to higher than expected profit [1\frac{1}{2}]

The company expected approximately 1.3 deaths whereas 2 deaths actually occurred

So, mortality was heavier than expected [1]

Thus higher mortality led to a mortality profit [1\frac{1}{2}]

[Marks available 4, maximum 3]

Well answered.

Common errors included using a mortality rate when calculating the number of expected deaths for an age that did not correspond to the reserve calculated and including a sum assured when calculating the death sum at risk.

In part (ii) well prepared candidates covered the importance of the release of the reserve

Q10

(i)

(Denoting the revised rates with a ' suffix)

If we assume forces of decrement are constant over individual years of age [1\frac{1}{2}]

and that independent and dependent forces of decrement are equal, [1\frac{1}{2}]

Then we can use: -

$$\mu_{47}^w = \frac{(ad)_{47}^w}{(ad)_{47}^d + (ad)_{47}^w} \times (-\ln(ap)_{47}) = \frac{1,500}{390 + 1,500} \times (-\ln(0.9622)) = 0.0305817 \quad [2]$$

$$q_{47}^w = (1 - e^{-\mu_{47}^w}) = (1 - e^{-0.0305817}) = 0.0301188 \quad [1]$$

The revised independent probability of withdrawal, q_{47}^w , is therefore

$$2.5 \times 0.0301188 = 0.0752970 \quad [1\frac{1}{2}]$$

And

$$\mu_{47}^w = -\ln(1 - q_{47}^w) = 0.0782827 \quad [1]$$

The force of mortality at age 47 implied by the ELT15 Females rates will be:

$$-\ln(1 - q_{47}^{ELT15(F)}) = -\ln(1 - 0.00219) = 0.00219240 \quad [1]$$

and the revised independent force of mortality,

$$\mu'_{47} = 0.6 \times 0.00219240 = 0.00131544 \quad [1/2]$$

(ii)

We have

$$(aq)'_{47} = \frac{\mu'_{47}}{\mu'_{47} + \mu'_{47}} \left(1 - e^{-(\mu'_{47} + \mu'_{47})} \right) \quad [1]$$

$$= \frac{0.00131544}{0.00131544 + 0.0782827} \left(1 - e^{-(0.00131544 + 0.0782827)} \right) = 0.00126445 \quad [1]$$

$$(aq)'_{47} = \frac{\mu'_{47}}{\mu'_{47} + \mu'_{47}} \left(1 - e^{-(\mu'_{47} + \mu'_{47})} \right) \quad [1]$$

$$= \frac{0.078287}{0.00131544 + 0.0782827} \left(1 - e^{-(0.00131544 + 0.0782827)} \right) = 0.0752482$$

Thus

Age (x)	Number of employees (al) _x	Number of deaths (ad) _x ^d	Number of withdrawals (ad) _x ^w
47	50,000.00	63.22	3,762.41

[2]

(iii)

Concerns with the use of the revised multiple decrement table:

The population in the future may be different to the past population on which the analysis was conducted [1]

No allowance is made for future improvements in mortality or company initiatives that may reduce withdrawals [1]

There may be group events (such as workplace fire, outbreak of Covid) which may occur in the future but did not occur in the investigation period [1]

The investigation estimates may not be accurate [1/2]

The assumptions underlying the calculations in part (i) may not be valid [1/2]

The new table is significantly different from the original table [1/2]

Other valid points on why using the past to model the future may not be valid [1/2]

[Marks available 5, maximum 3]

[Total 15]

Part (i) Very poorly answered.

Most candidates did not appear to appreciate the difference between dependent and independent decrement rates, nor the difference between forces and rates of decrement. Most candidates missed out steps when deriving the required results. Many candidates lost out on marks as they did not quote the results to 6 significant figures.

Part (ii) Many candidates made a good attempt, even if they had struggled in part (i).

Part (iii) Poorly answered.

Q11

(i)

$$6,000\ddot{a}_{50:\overline{15}|6\%}^{(12)} = 0.6 \times (6,000) + 0.04 \times (6,000) \times (\ddot{a}_{50:\overline{15}|6\%} - 1)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{1.019231} \times S \times A_{50:\overline{15}|j\%}^1 + S \times \frac{l_{65}}{l_{50}} \times v_{j\%}^{15} \text{ with } \frac{1.019231}{1.06} = \frac{1}{1+j} \Rightarrow j = 0.04$$

$$\text{with } \frac{1.019231}{1.06} = \frac{1}{1+j} \Rightarrow j = 0.04$$

[5]

$$\ddot{a}_{50:\overline{15}|6\%} = 10.038; \quad \frac{l_{65}}{l_{50}} = \frac{8,821.2612}{9,712.0728}; \quad A_{50:\overline{15}|4\%} = 0.56719;$$

$$A_{50:\overline{15}|4\%}^1 = A_{50:\overline{15}|4\%} - \frac{l_{65}}{l_{50}} v_{4\%}^{15} = 0.06286 \quad [2\frac{1}{2}]$$

$$\ddot{a}_{50:\overline{15}|6\%}^{(12)} = \ddot{a}_{50:\overline{15}|6\%} - \frac{11}{24} \left(1 - \frac{l_{65}}{l_{50}} v_{6\%}^{15} \right) = 9.753$$

$$\Rightarrow 6000 \times 9.753 = 3,600 + 0.04 \times 6,000 \times 9.038 + S(0.06167 + 0.50433)$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 93,199$$

\$93,199 rounded to the nearest \$1,000 is \$93,000. [1/2]

(ii)

Require $93,000 = 6,000\ddot{s}_{15|i}^{(12)}$ [1]

Now

$$\ddot{s}_{15|@0.434\%}^{(12)} = \frac{(1.00434)^{15} - 1}{d^{(12)}}$$

$$\text{where } \left(1 - \frac{d^{(12)}}{12} \right)^{-12} = 1.00434 \Rightarrow d^{(12)} = 0.004329828$$

$$\ddot{s}_{15|@0.434\%}^{(12)} = 15.5007 \quad [1]$$

$$6,000\ddot{s}_{15|@0.434\%}^{(12)} = 6,000 \times 15.50071$$

$$= 93,004.2 \approx 93,000 \quad [1/2]$$

Therefore rate of return at least 0.434% per annum [1/2]

(iii)

Policyholder would expect a higher maturity benefit than basic sum assured of \$93,000 [1/2]

as they would expect bonuses to be declared every year [1]

A higher maturity benefit will give a higher return [1/2]

In addition to the survival benefit the policyholder will receive death cover during the term of the contract which is not measured by the return calculated in part (ii) but has value to the policyholder [1]

The policy may be obligatory, for example to back a mortgage [½]

This policy may be cheaper than others on the market [½]

Although 0.434% is low, it is guaranteed over 15 years and this guarantee might be important, for example for those planning to retire at 65 [½]

[Marks available 4½, maximum 3]

(iv)

$$SA = 93,000(1.05)^5 = 118,694 \quad [1]$$

$${}_5V = \frac{118,694}{1.019231} A_{55:\overline{10}|4\%}^1 + 118,694 v_{4\%}^{10} \frac{l_{65}}{l_{55}} + 0.04 \times 6,000 \ddot{a}_{55:\overline{10}|6\%} - 6,000 \ddot{a}_{55:\overline{10}|6\%}^{(12)} \quad [3]$$

$$\ddot{a}_{55:\overline{10}|6\%} = 7.610; \quad \frac{l_{65}}{l_{55}} = \frac{8,821.2612}{9,557.8179}; \quad A_{55:\overline{10}|4\%} = 0.68388;$$

$$A_{55:\overline{10}|4\%}^1 = A_{55:\overline{10}|4\%} - \frac{l_{65}}{l_{55}} v_{4\%}^{10} = 0.06037$$

$$\ddot{a}_{55:\overline{10}|6\%}^{(12)} = \ddot{a}_{55:\overline{10}|6\%} - \frac{11}{24} \left(1 - \frac{l_{65}}{l_{55}} v_{6\%}^{10} \right) = 7.388 \quad [1]$$

$${}_5V = 7,031.18 + 74,006.18 + 1826.40 - 44,327.25 = 38,536.51$$

Reserve is \$38,537 [1]

[Total 20]

Part (i) Generally well answered.

Common errors centred on how the benefits were valued, with many candidates not splitting the benefits into those payable on death and those on survival, in order to be able to apply the bonus adjustment only to the benefit on death. Another common error was valuing the renewal expenses using a monthly annuity rate.

Part (ii) Poorly answered.

Many candidates attempted to include mortality in their calculations. Candidates did not seem able to switch between the mathematics of finance and life contingencies within one question.

Part (iii) Many candidates failed to consider the nature of the benefits provided by a with profit endowment assurance and instead concentrated on the size of the premium.

Part (iv) Common errors included using a sum assured that ignored historic bonuses, using expense elements taken from the initial equation of value (e.g., including a deduction from the renewal expense annuity, or including an initial expense).

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