September 2026 Exam - J05 Pension income options		
Question No.	**Syllabus learning outcomes being examined**	
1.	1.1	Lifetime allowance (LTA) abolishment, valuation factors, transitional reliefs;
2.	1.2	Pension age, including the minimum pension age, contractual and protected retirement ages;
3.	1.3	Pension commencement lump sum (PCLS) and uncrystallised funds pensions lump sum (UFPLS) limits, including the Lump Sum Allowance (LSA), Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA) and transitional protections;
4.	7.5	The importance of cashflow modelling, including stress testing, life expectancy, sequencing risk and the safe withdrawal rate;
5.	4.1	Phasing retirement using secure and flexible options, including flexi-access drawdown, capped drawdown, uncrystallised funds pension lump sum (UFPLS), including the Lump Sum Allowance (LSA) and Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA) and annuities;
6.	2.1	Definition, HMRC requirements and main features, including lifetime annuities, scheme pensions, commutation and pension increase exchange (PIE), and taxation of benefits in payment;
7.	5.2/ 5.4	Money and Pension Service guidance body, including but not limited to Pension Wise and the guidance guarantee; TPR transfer guidance, including pension scams.
8.	2.3/ 3.3/ 4.3	The benefits payable on death and their tax treatment, including the Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA). The benefits payable on death and their tax treatment, including the Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA). The benefits payable on death and their tax treatment, including the Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA).
9.	4.1	Phasing retirement using secure and flexible options, including flexi-access drawdown, capped drawdown, uncrystallised funds pension lump sum (UFPLS), including the Lump Sum Allowance (LSA) and Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA) and annuities;
10.	2.1/ 3.1	Definition, HMRC requirements and main features, including lifetime annuities, scheme pensions, commutation and pension increase exchange (PIE), and taxation of benefits in payment; Definition, HMRC requirements, and main features, including capped drawdown, flexi-access drawdown (FAD), short-term annuities, and the risks of nonannuity pension options;
11.	5.1	FCA – Conduct of Business Sourcebook (COBS), including but not limited to pensions guidance, retirement risk warnings, illustrations and investment pathways;
12.	6.2/ 6.8	Ability to increase the State Pension by paying Class 3 NICs; Benefits payable by the State on death.
13.	7.1	The importance of establishing a client's personal and financial circumstances and requirements including but not limited to, attitude to investment risk, capacity for loss, longevity including life expectancy probability and investment strategies in retirement;
14.	1.6	Requirements for drawing benefits on the grounds of ill health and interaction with the Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA);
15.	7.9	Impact of pension on divorce settlements (offsetting, pension sharing and earmarking) upon retirement and on death;