March 2025 Examination - J05 Pension income options		
Question No.	**Syllabus learning outcomes being examined**	
1.	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.
2.	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.
3.	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.
4.	2.3/ 3.3/ 4.3	The benefits payable on death and their tax treatment, including the Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA).
5.	4.1 7.4	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. The choice between the different methods for drawing a pension income and/or lump sum and the Income Tax planning considerations (both State and private).
6.	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.
7.	5.1	FCA – Conduct of Business Sourcebook (COBS), including pensions guidance, retirement risk warnings, illustrations and investment pathways.
8.	5.4	TPR transfer guidance, including pension scams.
9.	6.8	Benefits payable by the State on death.
10.	7.1	The importance of establishing a client's personal and financial circumstances and requirements including, attitude to investment risk, capacity for loss, longevity including life expectancy probability and investment strategies in retirement.
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12.	7.3	The factors that should be considered when advising on the suitability or otherwise of a transfer between money purchase arrangements, including: Guaranteed annuity rates (GAR); Protected tax free cash; Flexibility options within the contracts; Investment choices, including discretionary fund managers.
13.	7.4	The choice between the different methods for drawing a pension income and/or lump sum and the Income Tax planning considerations (both State and private).
14.	7.5	The importance of cashflow modelling, including stress testing, life expectancy, sequencing risk and the safe withdrawal rate.
15.	7.8	Non pension assets as an alternative means of providing income, including property, ISAs and other investments.