

# **Casualty Actuarial Society**

## **1995 Syllabus of Examinations**

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## Casualty Actuarial Society

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## Foreword

The Casualty Actuarial Society was organized in 1914 as the Casualty Actuarial and Statistical Society of America, with 97 charter members of the grade of Fellow; the Society adopted its present name on May 14, 1921.

Actuarial science originated in England in 1792 in the early days of life insurance. Due to the technical nature of the business, the first actuaries were mathematicians; eventually their numerical growth resulted in the formation of the Institute of Actuaries in England in 1848. The Faculty of Actuaries was founded in Scotland in 1856, followed in the United States by the Actuarial Society of America in 1889 and the American Institute of Actuaries in 1909. In 1949 the two American organizations were merged into the Society of Actuaries.

In the beginning of the 20th century in the United States, problems requiring actuarial treatment were emerging in sickness, disability, and casualty insurance—particularly in workers' compensation, which was introduced in 1911. The differences between the new problems and those of traditional life insurance led to the organization of the Society. Dr. I. M. Rubinow, who was responsible for the Society's formation, became its first president. The purpose of the Society is to advance the body of knowledge of actuarial science in applications other than life insurance, to establish and maintain standards of qualification for membership, to promote and maintain high standards of conduct and competence for the members, and to increase the awareness of actuarial science. The Society's activities in support of this purpose include communication with those affected by insurance, presentation and discussion of papers, attendance at seminars and workshops, collection of a library, research, and other means.

Since the problems of workers' compensation were the most urgent, many of the Society's original members played a leading part in developing the scientific basis for that line of insurance. From the beginning, however, the Society has grown constantly, not only in membership, but also in range of interest and in scientific and related contributions to all lines of insurance other than life, including automobile, liability other than automobile, fire, homeowners, commercial multiple peril, and others. These

problems, some of them still unsolved, that have faced the industry over the years.

The membership of the Society includes actuaries employed by insurance companies, industry advisory organizations, national brokers, accounting firms, educational institutions, state insurance departments, and the federal government; it also includes independent consultants. The Society has two classes of members, Fellows and Associates. Both classes are achieved by successful completion of examinations, which are held in February, May, and November in various cities of the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and selected overseas sites.

The publications of the Society and their respective prices are listed in the *Yearbook* which is published annually. The *Syllabus of Examinations* outlines the course of study recommended for the examinations. Both the *Yearbook*, at a charge of \$40, and the *Syllabus of Examinations*, without charge, may be obtained upon request to the Casualty Actuarial Society, 1100 North Glebe Road, Suite 600, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

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## Notice to Candidates

Candidates should note the following changes/additions in this year's *Syllabus*:

1. Exam Times

The times of all the CAS exams are now published along with the dates for May and November 1995.

2. Refunds and Transfers

The deadline for refund requests has been extended to June 5 for May exams and December 5 for November exams. Transfers of exam fees will no longer be permitted.

3. Analysis and Appeals

Candidates receiving a grade of 4 or 5 on a CAS specific exam will automatically receive an analysis. All other candidates may write to the CAS office for an analysis. Changes to the appeal process appear on page 21.

4. Calculators

The Examination Committee now requires the usage of the official SOA/CAS calculator on all CAS examinations.

5. Disciplinary Policy

An excerpt from the Examination Discipline Policy is found on page 22 of this *Syllabus*.

6. Part 5B

The part 5B examination has been extended to a two hour exam. The additional time was given due to the feedback on the Student Exam Survey. It is not intended to lengthen the exam.

7. Guessing Adjustment

A guessing adjustment will no longer apply to the joint exams beginning in May 1995 for Parts 3A and 3C and November 1995 for Parts 1 and 2.

8. Individual Exams

1. Candidates should note the appropriate exam costs for any changes made

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# Syllabus Goals and Objectives

One of the primary objectives of the Casualty Actuarial Society is the development of qualified professionals in the field of casualty actuarial practice. The Casualty Actuarial Society conducts an educational and examination program for prospective members in order to achieve this objective. The *Syllabus* goals and objectives are as follows:

1. To develop a general understanding of the social, political, regulatory, legal, and economic environment of the business of property and casualty insurance and the historical development of that environment.
2. To develop a thorough understanding of the fundamental mathematical concepts applicable to solving insurance problems and a high degree of skill in their applications.
3. To develop a comprehensive understanding of the business of property and casualty insurance, including underwriting, claims, marketing, and finance, and how these functions are performed and interrelate.
4. To develop a working knowledge of insurance policies and contracts.
5. To develop an expert knowledge of a broad range of techniques to solve insurance problems, and to develop the ability to discern the appropriateness of techniques for particular applications based on a knowledge of the underlying assumptions, strengths, and weaknesses.
6. To develop an expert knowledge of a broad range of relevant and standard actuarial practices in order to present a framework for the use of problem-solving techniques.
7. To encourage a sense of inquisitiveness and creativity towards insurance problem-solving in order to foster an appreciation of the art of actuarial science.

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# Examination Handbook

## The CAS Education and Examination System

The CAS education and examination system is supervised by the CAS Vice President-Admissions and is supported by four committees:

1. The Education Policy Committee establishes the goals and objectives of the CAS education and examination system to ensure that the needs of the Society, its members, and its potential members are met. The committee also monitors the operations of the other educational and examination committees to ensure continued effectiveness.
2. The Syllabus Committee determines the scope and content of the CAS *Syllabus* and course of readings for CAS examinations.
3. The Examination Committee organizes, manages, administers, and grades the CAS examinations. The committee also establishes the standards to be achieved by successful candidates.
4. The Committee on the Course on Professionalism establishes the content of the CAS Course on Professionalism and oversees its administration. All committee members are volunteers who donate their time and resources to the CAS.

## Organization of the Syllabus Committee

The Syllabus Committee is supervised by a Chairperson and is composed of members who represent a broad spectrum of CAS members including insurers, consultants, regulators, and academicians. A representative of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA) also serves on the committee; usually this person is a member of the CIA Education and Examination Committee. One or more members specialize in the material for each examination part.

The committee has two standing subcommittees: a Study Note Subcommittee responsible for the development of Study Notes for the *Syllabus*, and a Long-Range Planning Subcommittee responsible for addressing long-term issues. Other ad hoc subcommittees are established as needed.

## Organization of the Examination Committee

The Examination Committee is supervised by a Chairperson responsible for the overall administration of the CAS examinations. The Chairperson is assisted by several senior committee officers with titles Vice Chairperson and Assistant Vice Chairperson. The committee is subdivided into Examination Part Committees each headed by an Examination Part Chairperson. The responsibility for each CAS examination is assigned to a part committee that writes, grades, and maintains the standards for that examination. Each part committee is assisted by an Exam Consultant, a CAS member who is an expert on the material covered by that exam. In addition, some part committees are assisted by Academic Consultants, independent experts from the academic community.

## Recommendations for Study

The “Recommendations for Study” which start on page 29 of this *Syllabus* are regularly reviewed by members of the Syllabus Committee. Both short- and long-term goals for improvement are developed. Textbooks and articles may be designated for inclusion in the recommendations. If the committee determines that new study material needs to be developed or that existing material needs to be revised, the committee may commission the creation of Study Notes for inclusion in the recommendations. Every effort is made to develop material that is appropriate, relevant, up-to-date, concise, and well-written. Suggestions for improvement are always welcome and should be directed to the Syllabus Committee.

## Development of Examinations

Each examination is drafted by the responsible Examination Part Committee to test candidates’ knowledge of the material listed in the “Recommendations for Study.” The individual part committee. Exam

Every effort is made to ensure that the questions fall within the scope of the recommendations. Complete coverage of all recommended material is not practical for every examination every year. The goal is to produce examinations that contain representative, high-quality questions that test candidates' knowledge of the material. Trick questions are deliberately avoided, and the wording of each question is considered carefully to eliminate possible ambiguities. Preliminary versions of each examination are thoroughly reviewed in relation to all of these factors before the final examination is approved.

## Rules Regarding Examinations for Admission

### May 1995 CAS Exam Schedule

EXAM	DATE	ZONE	START TIME	FINISH TIME
1 (100)	05/09/95	All zones begin at the same time	8:30 AM	11:30 AM
2 (110)	05/09/95	All zones begin at the same time	1:00 PM	4:00 PM
3A (120)	05/16/95	All zones begin at the same time	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
3B	05/04/95	EDT, CDT, Bermuda	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
3B	05/04/95	MDT, PDT, Alaska, Asia	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
3B	05/04/95	Europe	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
3C (135)	05/16/95	All zones begin at the same time	10:45 AM	12:15 PM
4A	05/03/95	EDT, CDT, Bermuda	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
4A	05/03/95	MDT, PDT, Alaska, Asia	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
4A	05/03/95	Europe	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
4B	05/03/95	EDT, CDT, Bermuda	10:00 AM	12:30 PM
4B	05/03/95	MDT, PDT, Alaska, Asia	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
4B	05/03/95	Europe	12:30 PM	3:00 PM
5A	05/01/95	EDT, CDT, Bermuda	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
5A	05/01/95	MDT, PDT, Alaska, Asia	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
5A	05/01/95	Europe	12:30 PM	2:30 PM
5B	05/01/95	EDT, CDT, Bermuda	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
5B	05/01/95	MDT, PDT, Alaska, Asia	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
5B	05/01/95	Europe	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
6	05/05/95	USA, CAN, Bermuda, Asia	9:30 AM	1:30 PM
6	05/05/95	Europe	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
8/8C	05/02/95	USA, CAN, Bermuda, Asia	9:30 AM	1:30 PM
8/8C	05/02/95	Europe	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
10	05/04/95	USA, CAN, Bermuda, Asia	9:30 AM	1:30 PM
10	05/04/95	Europe	1:00 PM	5:00 PM

## November 1995 CAS Exam Schedule

EXAM	DATE	ZONE	START TIME	FINISH TIME
1 (100)	11/07/95 <sup>1</sup>	All zones begin at the same time	8:30 AM	11:30 AM
2 (110)	11/07/95 <sup>1</sup>	All zones begin at the same time	1:00 PM	4:00 PM
3A (120)	11/14/95 <sup>1</sup>	All zones begin at the same time	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
3B	11/01/95	EST, CST, Bermuda	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
3B	11/01/95	MST, PST, Alaska, Asia	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
3B	11/01/95	Europe	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
3C (135)	11/14/95 <sup>1</sup>	All zones begin at the same time	10:45 AM	12:15 PM
4A	11/03/95	EST, CST, Bermuda	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
4A	11/03/95	MST, PST, Alaska, Asia	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
4A	11/03/95	Europe	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
4B	11/03/95	EST, CST, Bermuda	10:00 AM	12:30 PM
4B	11/03/95	MST, PST, Alaska, Asia	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
4B	11/03/95	Europe	12:30 PM	3:00 PM
5A	11/02/95	EST, CST, Bermuda	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
5A	11/02/95	MST, PST, Alaska, Asia	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
5A	11/02/95	Europe	12:30 PM	2:30 PM
5B	11/02/95	EST, CST, Bermuda	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
5B	11/02/95	MST, PST, Alaska, Asia	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
5B	11/02/95	Europe	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
7	11/06/95	USA, CAN, Bermuda, Asia	9:30 AM	1:30 PM
7	11/06/95	Europe	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
9	11/01/95	USA, CAN, Bermuda, Asia	9:30 AM	1:30 PM
9	11/01/95	Europe	1:00 PM	5:00 PM

Please note the starting times for exams are on local time based on your location.

<sup>1</sup> All information for Parts 1, 2, 3A, and 3C (SoA Courses 100, 110, 120, and 135) is tentative for November 1995. A final Society of Actuaries Catalog reflecting any changes in dates, fees, and content will be published in May 1995.

## Joint Administration

The examinations for Parts 1, 2, and 3(A, C) are jointly administered by the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Society of Actuaries.

The CAS is a joint sponsor of the prizes awarded for the highest scores on the Part 1 examination.

## Filing of Applications

### Parts 3B, 4-10

All candidates filing for an examination(s) must submit an application for each examination period. Application forms are enclosed in this *Syllabus*.

Applications for Parts 3B, 4-10 must be mailed in time to reach the CAS Office not later than March 20 for the May examinations and September 20 for the November examinations. Allow 10 working days for your application to reach the CAS Office.

**Note: Whether payment is made by personal or company check, it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the application is received by the stated deadline. Exceptions will not be made.**

Each application, along with the appropriate examination fee (in check, draft, or money order in U.S. or Canadian funds, made payable to the Casualty Actuarial Society), must be sent to:

Casualty Actuarial Society  
P.O. Box 425  
Merrifield, VA 22116-0425

Candidates will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of their application within three weeks of receipt of the application form at the CAS Office. This acknowledgement is the candidate's receipt of exam fees paid. Please retain this acknowledgment for tax purposes if needed.

### Parts 1-3 (excluding Part 3B)

Candidates who wish to take one or more of Part 1 (SOA Course 100),



made payable to and mailed to the Society of Actuaries at the following address:

Society of Actuaries  
P.O. Box 95668  
Chicago, IL 60694

The applications for Parts 1-3 (**excluding 3B**) must be received by the Society of Actuaries by December 20 for the February Parts 1 and 2 examinations, by March 20 for the May examinations, and by September 20 for the November examinations.

## Examination Centers

Examination centers are listed on the application. Centers are determined by the number of candidates near a center and the availability of proctors. Candidates wishing to take examinations overseas should include an additional \$40 (\$58 Canadian) fee for the test center. Requests for overseas sites must be made at least two months prior to the exam date.

Candidates will receive the exact location of their test center at least three weeks prior to the examination.

## Special Arrangements for Disabled Candidates

Individual consideration will be given to providing special arrangements for persons with demonstrable impairments which would impose a severe handicap if examinations were taken under normal conditions. Advance notice that special arrangements will be needed must be provided to the CAS Office when applying to write an examination.

## Fees

Examination fees must be paid each time a candidate registers for an examination. All fees for CAS exams are payable in U.S. and Canadian funds in the form of a check, draft, or money order. A \$15 surcharge (\$25 Canadian) will be assessed for all returned checks. The candidate's

(contact the SOA for Canadian fees) per examination session (February, May, or November).

Because Parts 3A and 3C are jointly administered by the CAS and the SOA and Part 3B is administered solely by the CAS, candidates taking a combination of these parts must submit an application to both the SOA and CAS. (See pages 9, 11, and 12 for more information on submitting applications and fees.) The fee for Part 3B, in this case, is \$45 (\$65 Canadian) for employed candidates, \$35 (\$51 Canadian) for full-time college students, and it must be paid to the CAS. **To determine Canadian fees for Parts 1, 2, 3A, and 3C, please contact the Society of Actuaries.**

On the next page are the examination fee schedules for May 1995 and November 1995, at time of publication. Fees are subject to change. Canadian fees include a \$4 service charge.

## Registering for 3B with 3A and/or 3C

Candidates who register for Parts 3B with 3A and/or 3C must submit applications to both the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Society of Actuaries.

The example instructions below provide information on how to submit applications and fees to the appropriate organizations. Candidates wishing to use Canadian funds should refer to the fee charts on pages 10 and 11.

For example:

An employed candidate who registers for Parts 3A and 3B would send:

- a. \$45 (exam fee for Part 3B) with application to the Casualty Actuarial Society;
- b. \$50 (base fee) + \$38 (course fee for 3A) with application to the Society of Actuaries.

A full-time college student who registers for Parts 3A and 3B would send:

- a. \$35 (exam fee for Part 3B) with application to the Casualty Actuarial Society;
- b. \$50 (base fee) + \$30 (course fee for 3A) with application to

MAY 1995	Employed Candidates		Full-Time College Students	
	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada
Part 1 (non-refundable)	\$40	Contact SOA	\$40	Contact SOA
Part 2 (non-refundable)	\$40	Contact SOA	\$40	Contact SOA
Part 3A	\$88	Contact SOA	\$80	Contact SOA
Part 3B	\$85	\$119	\$75	\$105
Part 3C	\$75	Contact SOA	\$70	Contact SOA
Parts 3A + 3B	\$133	\$65 (3B only, contact SOA for 3A)	\$115	\$51 (3B only, contact SOA for 3A)
Parts 3A + 3C	\$113	Contact SOA	\$100	Contact SOA
Parts 3B + 3C	\$120	\$65 (3B only, contact SOA for 3C)	\$105	\$51 (3B only, contact SOA for 3C)
Parts 3A + 3B + 3C	\$158	\$65 (3B only, contact SOA for 3A, 3C)	\$136	\$51 (3B only, contact SOA for 3A, 3C)
Part 4A	\$50	\$72	\$40	\$58
Part 4B	\$80	\$112	\$70	\$99
Part 5A	\$80	\$112	\$70	\$99
Part 5B	\$50	\$72	\$40	\$58
Part 6	\$130	\$180	\$100	\$139
Part 8	\$130	\$180	\$100	\$139
Part 10	\$130	\$180	\$100	\$139

The fee structure for Part 3 is based on a candidate fee of \$50 regardless of the number of sub-parts taken in one sitting plus \$38 (\$30 for full-time college students) for Part 3A, \$45 (\$35 for full-time college students) for Part 3B, and \$25 (\$20 for full-time college students) for Part 3C.

## Late Registrations

If the application and regular fees are not received on or before the deadlines of March 20 for the May examinations or September 20 for the November examinations, candidates wishing to write an examination in North America must pay a late registration fee in addition to the examination fee. The late fee for the Casualty Actuarial Society is \$50 (\$72 Canadian) and the late fee for the Society of Actuaries is \$40 (contact the

NOV. 1995	Employed Candidates		Full-Time College Students	
	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada
Part 1 (non-refundable)	\$40	Contact SOA	\$40	Contact SOA
Part 2 (non-refundable)	\$40	Contact SOA	\$40	Contact SOA
Part 3A	\$88	Contact SOA	\$80	Contact SOA
Part 3B	\$85	\$119	\$75	\$105
Part 3C	\$75	Contact SOA	\$70	Contact SOA
Parts 3A + 3B	\$133	\$65 (3B only, contact SOA for 3A)	\$115	\$51 (3B only, contact SOA for 3A)
Parts 3A + 3C	\$113	Contact SOA	\$100	Contact SOA
Parts 3B + 3C	\$120	\$65 (3B only, contact SOA for 3C)	\$105	\$51 (3B only, contact SOA for 3C)
Parts 3A + 3B + 3C	\$158	\$65 (3B only, contact SOA for 3A, 3C)	\$135	\$51 (3B only, contact SOA for 3A, 3C)
Part 4A	\$50	\$72	\$40	\$58
Part 4B	\$80	\$112	\$70	\$99
Part 5A	\$80	\$112	\$70	\$99
Part 5B	\$50	\$72	\$40	\$58
Part 7	\$130	\$180	\$100	\$139
Part 9	\$130	\$180	\$100	\$139

registrations will not be accepted from candidates writing outside North America.

**In no case will applications be accepted after April 15 for the May examinations or after October 15 for the November examinations.**

For the February administration of Part 1 and Part 2, the registration deadline is December 20. After December 20, any candidate wishing to write Part 1 or 2 in February must pay a late registration fee. No applications will be accepted after January 15. Due to the January release date for November examination results, candidates who wrote the November 1993 Parts 1 or 2 examination may register until January 15 without assessment of a late registration fee. Similarly, candidates who write Part 1 or 2 in the February session may register until April 15 for the May examination session without assessment of a late registration fee. Candidates who wish to apply for Parts 3B, 4-10, and wrote Parts 1 or 2 in

Any registered candidate who requests a change in examination center must pay a \$20 (\$31 Canadian) change-of-center fee. (Contact the Society of Actuaries for its change-of-center fee in Canadian funds.) No change of center requests will be accepted after January 15 for the February examinations, April 15 for the May examinations, or October 15 for the November examinations.

If a request for late registration or change of center occurs, every effort will be made to have the candidate's records and supplies on hand at the appropriate center in time for the examination. If this effort fails, however, the sponsoring organizations are not responsible. If either a candidate's registration and fees or request for change of center are received so late that it is not feasible to arrange for the candidate to write the examination, the fees will be refunded. The administering organizations are not responsible for difficulties caused by postal service delays or inadequate postage.

## Refunds

### Joint Exams

Any candidate who submits an application for any of Parts 3A or 3C and subsequently does not write one or more of these sub-parts should request an examination fee refund. This request must reach the Society of Actuaries no later than June 30 for a May examination or December 31 for a November examination. Later requests will not be considered. A \$40 administrative fee per examination is assessed for all refunds. (Contact the Society of Actuaries for the Canadian equivalent.) Therefore, no refund is made unless the total fees for the sub-parts not written exceed \$50. The \$50 candidate fee is refundable only if the candidate does not write any sub-parts for which the fee is charged. Examination fees for Parts 3A and 3C are only refundable from the SOA. All other CAS exams are refundable from the CAS. Late registration fees, change-of-center fees, and fees for writing overseas or at specially arranged centers will not be refunded in any case.

### Parts 3B, 4-10

Any candidate who has filed an application and finds it impossible to take the examination should request a refund of his/her examination fee. This

nation will be assessed for all refunds. Refunds will be issued on a weekly basis.

## Associateship and Fellowship Examinations

Successful completion of, or credit for, Parts 1 through 7 is required to fulfill the examination requirements for Associateship in the Casualty Actuarial Society. Parts 1 and 2 are the same as the Society of Actuaries Course Exam numbers 100 and 110, respectively. Part 3 is administered as three separate examinations corresponding to each sub-part. Sub-parts 3A and 3C are the same as the Society of Actuaries Course Exam numbers 120 and 135, respectively. Each sub-part may be taken on separate examination dates so that partial credits may be earned until all sections are passed.

Successful completion of, or credit for all 10 examination parts is required to fulfill the examination requirements for Fellowship. Part 8 now has two subdivisions covering United States- or Canadian-specific material, and passage of either of the two tracks fulfills the completion requirements.

## Waiver of Examinations for Associateship

Waiver of individual examination requirements will be granted by the Board of Directors of the CAS in instances where an applicant has passed or received credit for examinations sponsored by another recognized actuarial organization covering equivalent material in both subject and depth. The granting of waivers by the Board will be based on the recommendation of the Vice President-Admissions. The Vice President-Admissions' recommendation will be guided by the policy established by the Education Policy Committee.

The Casualty Actuarial Society generally will not grant waiver of all or any portion of its examination requirements for either work experience, contribution to the actuarial literature, academic courses of study, or examinations of non-actuarial organizations. Individuals who claim competence in the areas covered by the examinations should not have difficulty demonstrating their competence through the examination process.

1. Waiver of examination Parts 1, 2, 3A, or 3C will be allowed for candidates who have passed or been credited with the corresponding examinations sponsored by the Society of Actuaries prior to the joint administration of those examinations.
2. Candidates who take the Advanced Mathematics Test of the Graduate Record Examinations may apply for credit for Part 1. Credit will be granted if the candidate's score on the test is equivalent, as determined by the CAS and the Society of Actuaries, to a passing score on Part 1. Requests should be submitted to the Society of Actuaries.
3. The CAS also recognizes the examinations sponsored by the British Institute of Actuaries, the Australian Institute of Actuaries, and the Faculty of Actuaries (Scotland). Credit will be granted for examinations passed or waived in accordance with examination equivalences between the CAS *Syllabus* and the syllabuses of each of the three aforementioned actuarial organizations. The Casualty Actuarial Society will not grant credit for examinations waived by the aforementioned organizations on account of academic records achieved in North American universities, nor for credit granted by the aforementioned organizations to candidates not qualifying directly in obtaining membership through the normal qualification/examination process applicable to residents of those countries. Waivers under this paragraph will be subject to an administrative fee of \$40 in U.S. funds (\$58 in Canadian). This fee is payable by check, draft, or money order payable to the Casualty Actuarial Society.
4. Credit for examination Part 5B will be granted to candidates who have passed SOA Course 130/CAS Part 3b prior to November 1990. Waiver requests are not necessary for this credit. This credit will be automatically granted upon the candidate's application to take his/her first CAS examination (other than Parts 1, 2, 3A, and 3C).

5. Waiver of examination Part 4A will be granted to candidates passing either SOA Course 141 or Courses 140 and 150. This waiver is subject to an administrative fee of \$40 in U.S. funds (\$58 in Canadian funds). A check, draft, or money order in U.S. or Canadian funds for these amounts must accompany all applications for waivers for Part 4A.

In the above instances, (except item 4.), candidates requesting a waiver of an examination requirement should present their request and applicable fee, if any, to the Vice President-Admissions with appropriate evidence that demonstrates the passing of (or score on) the actuarial examinations for which a waiver is requested. The Vice President-Admissions will review all such requests and recommend action to the CAS Board of Directors.

Please address all waiver requests to:

Vice President-Admissions  
Casualty Actuarial Society  
P.O. Box 425  
Merrifield, VA 22116-0425

Credits for examination equivalents of other actuarial organizations are considered on a case-by-case basis where the candidate has provided documentation pertaining to the equivalence of subject matter in both scope and depth.

In such instances, candidates should present their requests to the Vice President-Admissions and include with their applications evidence that demonstrates the asserted equivalence of the actuarial examinations passed to those for which a waiver is requested via a list of topics covered, or other relevant material. If such evidence is not included, the Vice President-Admissions will request it from the candidates. The Vice President-Admissions will forward the request to the Education Policy Committee. The Committee will then review the request.

For those recognized actuarial organizations outside of the U.S. and Canada which have formal education requirements, but whose only means of qualification are through academic achievement, requests for waivers will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if any credit should

In such instances, candidates should present their requests to the Vice President-Admissions and include with their applications evidence that demonstrates the asserted equivalence, as well as the appropriate educational policy material of their local actuarial organizations. If such material is not included, the Vice President-Admissions will request it from the candidates. In those instances, the Education Policy Committee will be asked to determine whether sufficient equivalence exists to permit granting any examination waiver.

## Associateship Requirements

In addition to the examination requirements for membership in the Casualty Actuarial Society, all prospective Associate members will be required to obtain two letters of reference and to attend and actively participate in the Course on Professionalism prior to admission.

The Course on Professionalism will be administered by the CAS at times and places to be announced. Eligibility for attendance is defined as having successfully completed five Associateship examinations (Parts 3A, 3B, and 3C comprise one examination, as well as Parts 4A and 4B, and 5A and 5B.)

Letters of reference from two members of the Casualty Actuarial Society are required. Obtaining the two letters of reference is the prospective Associate's responsibility. If no members of the CAS are familiar with the prospective Associate and his/her work history, references from members of the American Academy of Actuaries, the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, the Society of Actuaries, or senior executives where the candidate is employed may be substituted. For further information on alternative, acceptable references, please contact the CAS Office. An application for membership will not be processed without these references.

## Conduct of Examinations

The examinations are recorded exclusively in writing. Except as is noted in the following paragraphs, no books, papers, typewriters, slide rules, or electronic or mechanical aids to computation of any kind may be brought into the examination room by candidates, nor may any candidate commu-

Electronic calculators will be allowed in the examination room for all examinations. For all CAS exams, the only acceptable calculator is the one sold by the Society of Actuaries. All candidates *must* order the official calculator from the Society of Actuaries. No calculators will be shipped after January 15 for the February examinations, April 15 for the May examinations, or October 15 for the November examinations.

It is the candidate's responsibility to see that the calculator used during the examination is in good working order. Supervisors will have several spare calculators available for those candidates whose calculators may malfunction. They are not to be distributed to candidates without calculators.

## Multiple Choice Joint Examinations

Parts 1, 2, and 3 (A, C) consist entirely of multiple-choice questions. For these examinations, each multiple-choice problem presented includes five answer choices identified by the letters A, B, C, D, and E; only one of which is correct. A separate answer sheet provides a row of six ovals for each problem. The first five of these, identified with the letters A, B, C, D, and E, correspond to the five answer choices. The sixth oval (described below) is marked "Omit." After deciding which answer is correct, candidates should blacken the oval which has the same letter as the appropriate answer.

Since the answer sheets are scored by optical scanning equipment, a Number 2 pencil must be used to blacken the ovals. Also note that it is important that there be only one oval blackened for each question. If a candidate decides not to respond to a question for which an oval has already been blackened, the answer oval should be erased, and the "Omit" oval should then be blackened. This oval is located to the right of the answer Oval "E." This procedure assures that the scoring equipment will score the question as an omitted question and not be confused by an incompletely erased answer oval. It is *not* necessary to blacken the "Omit" oval if no answer oval has been blackened. This is because the scoring equipment also scores a question as an omitted question if there are no ovals blackened in the row. Please note that the "Omit" oval appears on the answer sheets for Parts 1-3(A,C) only.

Examination Committee will review each case individually. Decisions will be made on what action should be taken by the Examination Committee chairperson.

## Guessing Adjustment

On Parts 3B, 4-10, multiple-choice questions are scored in such a way that there is no advantage or disadvantage to be anticipated from guessing answers in a purely random fashion as compared with omitting the answers entirely.

For Parts 3A and 3C (beginning in May 1995), and Parts 1 and 2 (beginning in November 1995), no guessing adjustment is made to candidates' scores. Therefore, candidates will maximize their scores on the joint exams by answering every question.

## Grading of Examinations

Answers to multiple-choice questions are read by optical scanning equipment and scored by computer. As a check, several papers are scored by hand. A statistical analysis is prepared for each question; if this information indicates there might be a problem, the question is carefully examined.

Any multiple-choice question found to be defective is carefully examined to determine the most reasonable way to correct the situation. In some cases, the question is discarded, leaving scores and rankings as they would have been if the defective question had not been asked; when this happens, the scores of individual candidates immediately below the pass mark are reviewed to determine if credit should be granted for the defective question. In other cases, more than one answer is given credit for being correct.

Every effort is made to grade answers to essay questions according to completely objective standards. The anonymity of the candidates is fully preserved; committee members see only candidate numbers when grading an examination, not candidate names.

A model answer is developed for each question prior to grading, including the recommended numerical value for each sub-point in the answer. Each

answer or the values assigned for sub-points should be revised, the two graders confer and revise the model answer, if necessary. Then both graders restart the grading process. After all papers have been graded, the two graders compare the scores assigned to each candidate for that question and reconcile differences.

After all questions have been graded, the multiple-choice scores and essay scores are combined, and candidates are ranked in order by score. A preliminary pass mark is established, and the answers given by candidates near the mark are regraded. The candidates are re-ranked after the regrading, and a final pass mark is determined.

## Parts 3B, 4-10

No additional points will be given for multiple-choice questions left blank, but one-quarter of the point value for each question will be deducted for each incorrect answer. On true/false questions, the point value of the question will be deducted for each incorrect answer.

## Determination of the Pass Mark

The goal when determining the pass mark is to maintain consistent standards of qualification for membership. Because the level of difficulty for each exam varies from year to year, each part committee collects extensive data to ascertain the level of difficulty of its examination. The part committee compares the performance of the present year's candidates to the performance of candidates from prior years. Appropriate recognition is given to any peculiarities that may appear in connection with the answers to any question on an examination despite all the care taken in setting the examination questions. After this, the pass mark is set to achieve the desired consistency. The Examination Part Chairperson presents the recommended pass mark with the supporting data to the Vice Chairperson who oversees that examination part, the Examination Committee Chairperson, and the Vice President-Admissions. The final decision on the pass mark is the responsibility of the Vice President-Admissions.

The percentage of candidates passing will vary from year to year; however, those candidates demonstrating the required level of competence with the material will pass.

means failing with a mark of at least 90 percent, but less than 100 percent, of the pass mark. A grade of 0 means that the candidate's score is less than 50 percent of the pass mark. Candidates at or above the passing mark receive a Pass.

## **Examination Results**

Candidates receive individual statements of examination results approximately eight weeks after the examination date. A list of passing candidate ID numbers is mailed at the same time. Several weeks later a list of all passing candidates is distributed. Passing candidates are informed that they passed the examination, but they are not given a numeric score. Candidates with scores of 0 to 5 are informed of the score.

## **Defective Questions**

Occasionally, through error or because of varying interpretations, a question on the examination is found to be ambiguous or defective. If a candidate believes a question is ambiguous or defective, he/she should bring this to the attention of the Casualty Actuarial Society in writing within two weeks after the examination date; the candidate may fax this letter to the CAS Office. The letter should include detailed reasons why the question is believed to be ambiguous or defective. The Examination Committee will investigate all questions brought to its attention in this manner and may make allowances in the grading process for answers which could be correct under an interpretation other than the one anticipated when the question was written. Any defective question will be eliminated from the grading process. Correspondence that does not reach the CAS Office within two weeks will be disregarded in the grading process.

## **Analysis**

Any candidate receiving a grade of 4 or 5 on an examination will automatically receive an analysis of their examination. Any other unsuccessful candidate for Parts 3B, 4-10 may obtain an analysis of their examination by writing to the CAS Office before the stated deadlines. The deadline will be August 15 for May examinations and February 15 for November examinations. An analysis of an examination is computer generated. Actual points received for multiple choice and true/false

## **Appeals**

Once a candidate has received an analysis of their exam, they may appeal their grade. Only candidates with valid appeals will be considered. An example of a non-valid appeal would be the following: "I am appealing my score of 5 on Part 10, please recheck my examination." Candidates should address specific issues that are based on their review of the analysis. In order to aid the candidate when appealing, answer keys for multiple choice and true/false questions and sample answers to essay questions will be available no later than July 30 for May exams and January 30 for November exams.

Appeals should reach the CAS Office no later than September 1 for May exams and March 1 for November exams. Once a valid appeal is received, it is reviewed by the Part Chair and a recommendation is made to the Examination Chair. The Examination Chair will respond based on the recommendation by the Part Chair. The Student Ombudsperson will receive copies of all appeals and the responses to the appeals.

## **Confidentiality of Examination Records**

The fact that any candidate has passed a particular examination is considered public knowledge. Any further information as to examinations taken by candidates and scores received by candidates is available only to the candidates themselves, to Examination Committee officials if required for committee purposes, and to the CAS Office, unless the candidate requests in writing that such information be provided to someone else.

## **Transition Programs**

The Casualty Actuarial Society generally reviews and makes revisions in the recommended study material on an annual basis. Occasionally, a major topic will be added or deleted from the recommended study material. A major topic is defined as a series of readings comprising a segment of an examination. When a major topic is deleted from the recommended study material, the Syllabus Committee will determine if a transition program is appropriate. A transition program generally will be appropriate when candidates are in a position to lose credit for a segment of an examination.

entire examination part. The failure to complete the requirements for that complete examination part could result in the expiration of credit for that deleted topic at the end of the transition period.

The CAS Board of Directors must approve any transition program.

## Examination Discipline

Candidates must not give or receive assistance of any kind during the examination. Any cheating, any attempt to cheat, assisting others to cheat, or participating therein, or engaging in such improper conduct as listed below is a serious violation and will result in the Casualty Actuarial Society disqualifying the candidate's paper, and such other disciplinary action as may be deemed appropriate. Candidates have agreed in their applications for examination to be bound by the rules and regulations governing the examinations.

Examples of improper conduct include but are not limited to:

- a. Gaining access to examination questions before the examination or aiding someone else to do so.
- b. Using an unauthorized calculator (as defined in the *Syllabus*) or other mechanical aid not permitted.
- c. Looking in the examination book before the signal to begin is given.
- d. Marking or otherwise writing on the examination book or answer sheet before the signal to begin is given.
- e. Making any changes, additions, deletions, or otherwise marking, erasing, or writing on the examination book or answer sheet after the time for the examination has expired.
- f. Having access to or consulting notes or books during the examination.
- g. Looking at or copying from another candidate's paper.
- h. Enabling another candidate to copy from one's paper.

- j. Disturbing other candidates during the examination.
- k. Consulting other persons outside the examination room during the examination.
- l. Taking an examination book from the examination room.
- m. Taking an examination for another candidate.
- n. Arranging to have another person take an examination for the candidate.
- o. Presenting false information on an examination application.
- p. Failing to follow other examination instructions.

The Examination Committee of the CAS, or its designee, will investigate any irregularity or suspected violation of the rules involving the examination process, and a determination will be made regarding the matter. Where there is a determination to invoke a penalty, the candidate is advised by letter. In the case of a candidate who is a member of the CAS, (ACAS or FCAS), the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline (ABCD) or CIA will be advised about the member's conduct when the final penalty invoked is more than disqualification of the examination.

Candidates for the Casualty Actuarial Society's examinations are expected to follow the rules and procedures included in this *Syllabus*, the "Notice of Examinations," and the "Instructions to Candidates" printed on their examination booklets as well as announcements made by the supervisors at the examination locations. All candidates, on their applications for examinations, are required to read and sign the following statement: "I have read all the rules regarding the examination(s) for which I am applying, and agree to be bound thereby."

These standards may seem stricter than those which candidates are accustomed to in other examination environments. The Casualty Actuarial Society maintains these strict standards because the examinations are such a significant part of candidate's careers. Therefore, the equitable administration of the examinations and enforcement of the highest standards of conduct cannot be emphasized too strongly.

Candidate who wish to obtain a copy of the full CAS Policy on Examina-



## Publications of the Society

CAS publications that are still in print may be purchased at the prices listed below. Prices include postage and handling for orders delivered in the U.S. and Canada. For deliveries outside North America, add 50% to prices shown below. Canadian residents must add 7% for GST. Virginia residents must add 4.5% sales tax. Bulk orders of 20 or more of any publication will receive a 20% discount. Prepayment is required for all orders. Payment may be in the form of check, draft, or money order in U.S. or Canadian funds. NO RETURNS. Direct all orders to:

Casualty Actuarial Society  
P.O. Box 425  
Merrifield, VA 22116-0425

PUBLICATIONS	PRICES	
	U.S.	Canada
Proceedings of the Casualty Actuarial Society (PCAS)		
Single Bound Volumes	\$50	\$72
These volumes are available for sale:		
Volume LXIV (1977)		
Volume LXIX (1982)		
Volume LXX (1983)		
Volume LXXI (1984)		
Volume LXXII (1985)		
Volume LXXIII (1986)		
Volume LXXIV (1987)		
Volume LXXV (1988)		
Volume LXXVI (1989)		
Volume LXXVII (1990)		
Volume LXXVIII (1991)		
Volume LXXIX (1992)		
Volume LXXX (1993)		
Index to CAS Literature		
Volumes XXXI to XL	\$1	\$5

PUBLICATIONS	PRICES	
	U.S.	Canada
Discussion Paper Programs:		
1982—Pricing, Underwriting, and Managing the Large Risk	\$15	\$25
1984—Financial Solvency	\$10	\$18
1988—Evaluating Insurance Company Liabilities	\$30	\$45
1989—Valuation Issues	\$30	\$45
1990—Pricing Issues (2 Vols.)	\$40	\$58
1991—International Topics, Global Insurance Pricing, Reserving and Coverage Issues	\$30	\$58
1992—Insurer Financial Solvency (2 Vols.)	\$55	\$78
1993—The Actuary as Business Manager	\$30	\$45
1994 Yearbook and Membership Information Update	\$40	\$58
Syllabus of Examinations	\$0	\$0
The Actuarial Review (Annual Subscription)	\$10	\$18
Casualty Actuarial Society Forum (per volume)	\$30	\$45
Bibliographies	\$15	\$25
Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science (Textbook)	\$75	\$105
Report on the Annual Statement	\$1	\$5
An Introduction to Credibility Theory	\$3	\$8
Various Study Notes and Study Kits	See this Syllabus	
Statement of Principles Regarding Property and Casualty Insurance Ratemaking	\$4	\$9
Statement of Principles Regarding Property and Casualty Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Reserves	\$4	\$9
Statement of Principles Regarding Property and	\$4	\$9

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## Library

All candidates registered for the examinations of the Casualty Actuarial Society and all members of the Casualty Actuarial Society have access to the library facilities. The CAS Library is located at the CAS Office in Arlington, Virginia.

Books and manuals may be withdrawn from the Library for a period of one month without charge. In general, not more than two references may be in the hands of one borrower at a time. Address requests for books to:

Casualty Actuarial Society  
Library Service  
1100 North Glebe Road, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22201

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## National Organizations

### **American Academy of Actuaries (AAA)**

The American Academy of Actuaries is a professional membership, government information, and public relations organization for all actuaries practicing in the United States, regardless of specialty. The Academy also establishes qualification standards for making public statements of actuarial opinion. Professional standards of practice and discipline procedures are the responsibility of the Actuarial Standards Board and the Actuarial Board of Counseling and Discipline, respectively, both independent entities within the Academy.

Satisfactory completion of specified examinations of the Casualty Actuarial Society will satisfy the educational requirements for admission to the American Academy of Actuaries. The Academy has additional continuing education requirements. For further information contact:

American Academy of Actuaries  
Membership Manager  
475 N. Martingale Road, Suite 800  
Schaumburg, IL 60173-2226.

### **Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA)**

The Canadian Institute of Actuaries is a research, accreditation, and membership organization for actuaries practicing in Canada, regardless of specialty. The CIA is responsible for professional standards of practice and disciplinary procedures for its members. The federal government and provincial governments recognize Fellowship in the CIA as the standard of actuarial qualification to practice in Canada.

Educational requirements for Fellowship set by the CIA currently may be met through examinations administered by the Casualty Actuarial Society. The CIA maintains other affiliation, experience, and continuing education requirements. For further information contact:

Canadian Institute of Actuaries

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# 1995 Syllabus of Examinations

## ASSOCIATESHIP EXAMINATIONS

Part	Time Allowed	Subjects
1 <sup>3</sup>	3 hours	Calculus and Linear Algebra
2 <sup>3</sup>	3 hours	Probability and Statistics
3A <sup>3</sup>	1-1/2 hours	Applied Statistical Methods
3B	1-1/2 hours	Introduction to Property and Casualty Insurance
3C <sup>3</sup>	1-1/2 hours	Numerical Methods
4A	2 hours	Interest and Life Contingencies
4B	2-1/2 hours	Credibility Theory and Loss Distributions
5A	2 hours	Principles of Economics; Theory of Risk and Insurance
5B	2 hours	Finance
6	4 hours	Principles of Ratemaking and Data for Ratemaking
7	4 hours	Premium, Loss, and Expense Reserves; and Insurance Accounting, Expense Analysis, and Published Financial Information

## FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATIONS

Part	Time Allowed	Subjects
8 <sup>4</sup>	4 hours	Tort Law and Statutory Insurance; Regulation and Regulatory Issues
9	4 hours	Advanced Ratemaking; Individual Risk Rating
10	4 hours	Financial Operations of Insurance Companies; Reinsurance; Assets, Valuation, Solvency, and Capital

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# Recommendations for Study

The objective of the Casualty Actuarial Society's education and examination process is to assist candidates in their professional preparation for an actuarial career of managing the varied responsibilities assigned to an actuary in the casualty insurance field. The "Recommendations for Study" present the study material that casualty actuarial candidates should understand thoroughly, and be able to apply professionally to actual casualty insurance situations. The examination process is designed to assure that each successful casualty actuarial candidate attains a satisfactory level of competence in the subject matter.

The examinations for admission to the two grades of membership in the Society are designed to establish the qualifications of candidates. The following "Recommendations for Study" are provided as a guide for candidates in their preparation for the examinations. It should be realized that while the examination questions will be largely based upon the textual material cited, they will not necessarily be drawn directly therefrom. The examinations will test not only candidates' knowledge of the subject matter, but also candidates' ability to apply that knowledge. Finally, in the development of the *Syllabus* readings and the examination questions, it is assumed that candidates are familiar with the material covered in earlier parts. Therefore, it is recommended that candidates take the parts in numerical order.

In their study for the mathematical sections of the Associateship examinations, candidates are advised to work out as many examples as possible in order to acquire facility in the application of the mathematical principles and methods to specific problems. The questions on the examinations for Parts 1-4 are all of the multiple-choice or true/false types.

In preparing for Part 8, candidates should become familiar with current developments by reading property and casualty insurance articles for the indicated period of time.

The references to papers in the *Proceedings of the Casualty Actuarial Society (PCAS)* are considered to include all cited discussions of these papers, unless otherwise noted. In the case of readings from out-of-print *Proceedings*, candidates are responsible only for those discussions re-

page 92 of this *Syllabus*. The reading materials suggested in these recommendations are designed to acquaint candidates with the respective subjects and should not be interpreted as representing views endorsed by the Casualty Actuarial Society.

If a new edition or printing of any text becomes available, candidates should contact the CAS Office for instructions regarding its acceptability and the appropriate chapters/pages in the new edition which correspond to the printed study requirements.

## Study Kits

A bold **NEW** beside a reading or Study Kit indicates that it is either an addition to the recommended readings or that there has been a material change to a previously included reading. A bold **SK** represents 1995 Study Kit material and a bold **SKU** represents new material included in the 1995 Study Kit and the 1994 Study Kit Update. 1995 Study Kits and 1994 Study Kit Updates have been prepared in connection with some examinations and may be obtained from the CAS Office at the following prices (payable in U.S. or Canadian funds):

1995 STUDY KITS	PRICE		1994 STUDY KIT UPDATES	PRICE	
	U.S.	Can.		U.S.	Can.
<b>NEW</b> Part 3B	\$16	\$26	<b>SKU</b> Part 3B	\$10	\$18
<b>NEW</b> Part 4A	\$6	\$12			
Part 4B	\$16	\$26			
<b>NEW</b> Part 6	\$88	\$123	<b>SKU</b> Part 6	\$10	\$18
<b>NEW</b> Part 7	\$64	\$90	<b>SKU</b> Part 7	\$27	\$40
<b>NEW</b> Part 8	\$55	\$78	<b>SKU</b> Part 8	\$10	\$18
<b>NEW</b> Part 9	\$45	\$65			
<b>NEW</b> Part 10	\$46	\$66	<b>SKU</b> Part 10	\$26	\$39

Canadian residents must add 7% for GST; Virginia residents must add

Any readings from *Proceedings* for years that are still in print (1977, 1982, and subsequent) may be obtained by purchasing the *Proceedings* from the Society at a cost of \$50 (\$72 Canadian) or by using the CAS Library facilities. All other *Proceedings* articles and Discussion Papers which are out of print are included in the Study Kits.

Sample examination questions for Parts 1 and 2, copies of Part 3B and Parts 4-10 examinations for the three most recent years, and illustrative answers for essay questions on Parts 5-10 are available at no charge from the CAS Office. Please use the order forms on pages 103 and 105 of this *Syllabus*.

In referring to a published prior examination, candidates should keep in mind that the questions were based on the course of reading in effect for that particular examination, and may not in all instances reflect the current course of reading. Candidates may also expect future examinations to vary somewhat as to the proportion of question style and subjects. New forms of questions may appear from time to time, and the total number of questions may be increased or decreased.

While the CAS Library has nearly all the 1995 readings available for loan, there are still a few that must be obtained by contacting the organizations listed in the "Index to Text References" on page 92 of this *Syllabus*.

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## Hints on Study and Exam Techniques

These hints do not include any material on which candidates will be examined, but are passed along by the CAS Syllabus and Examination Committees to encourage candidates to do their best when sitting for CAS examinations.

These “Hints” are largely based on the experience and advice of others and were originally prepared for Society of Actuaries candidates by James L. Clare. Later, these were adapted to use by Casualty Actuarial Society candidates by G.D. Morison and were updated in 1992. The Casualty Actuarial Society will be glad to consider incorporating further comments and suggestions periodically. If you have any changes to suggest, please send them to the CAS Office.

### Hints on Study and Exam Techniques

Motivation is the single most important ingredient in learning—and in passing examinations.

Motivation suffers when candidates worry about or are preoccupied with personal matters or other problems. This suggests that candidates should keep studying and exam taking at the very top of their lists of priorities, and should always have a constructive attitude about their studying. In particular, candidates should approach the exam as an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and understanding of actuarial science, rather than as an obstacle in their paths to membership in the Casualty Actuarial Society.

Motivation is increased by incentives, such as the following.

- Passing actuarial exams requires many hours of study—more for some people and less for others—but often more than many candidates realize. Putting in enough hours can actually save a candidate time. Suppose, for example, that mastering the *Syllabus* for one exam will take a candidate 400 study hours, and that

would have saved 200 hours, not to mention passing one year sooner. It is recommended that candidates decide for themselves how many hours they really need to study, and then do that much studying—the first time around.

- Candidates can increase their motivation level by regarding the examinations as a stepping stone to greater responsibility at their places of employment, to opportunities for getting more done on their own, and to greater results and rewards from their work.
- Candidates can also increase their motivation through sufficiently intensive and sustained study so that they come to appreciate more fully the fascination of the various subjects, and the interrelationship between them.

A number of doctors, educators, executives, and personnel people all agree that motivation can be greatly increased by having a goal in mind. Candidates must determine their goals and keep them in mind.

### Techniques

It has been proven many times in various countries, both by individuals and by controlled groups, that improved study and exam techniques can strengthen a candidate’s mastery of a subject and increase his or her exam scores significantly. Provided that the candidate is motivated and spends enough hours studying, techniques such as those given here may often make the difference between failing or passing an exam.

Each person has his or her own strengths and weaknesses, so candidates are advised to work out their own personal sets of techniques which will work best for them. What follows is merely a set of suggestions to help candidates in getting started in building up their own techniques.

### The Challenge

It is easy to underestimate the effort that is required since substantial changes may be needed to switch from college or university life over to successfully passing actuarial exams.

University courses often stress understanding, and usually do much to smooth the path for the student with lectures, personal contacts, organized classes of study, and a focus on learning.

studying is normally fitted in after a full day's work, or is done on a weekend when one's friends are free to do as they please. Making adequate time available for studying requires sustained self-discipline, and is a purely individual and personal responsibility.

### Schedule of Study

There is only one substitute for hours of study time omitted one week. This is at least as many additional hours of study in another week.

An unavoidably "necessary condition" for success in studying (but a not necessarily "sufficient condition") is—simply spending enough total hours in studying.

Candidates must decide how many hours in total they need to study. Then they need to set out their schedules in writing, specifically stating the weekday evening and weekend periods allocated to studying. They then should total the number of hours made available. If the total hours scheduled are less than the total hours necessary, candidates should expand their schedules until they at least have equalled the required total time plus an additional cushion for absorbing time that will inevitably be lost along the way on account of illness, work pressures, etc.

Then candidates should fit all the segments of the *Syllabus* into their schedules so that they will thoroughly cover the course of reading in good time before the exam, with time left over for a thorough final review. It is important for candidates to spread their time over the entire *Syllabus* in some deliberate way, as, for example, in proportion to the pages of reading material on the *Syllabus*.

Candidates may find it helpful to study several subjects within an exam, or all of them in parallel. This gives them more variety each week, and may give them a combination of both study which is more appealing and study which requires greater effort and concentration. Particularly demanding study may perhaps be best left for weekends when candidates are less fatigued from regular work.

It is a good idea for candidates to keep a record of the hours they spend studying. Even if candidates are completely confident that they know the *Syllabus* before putting in their required total hours, there is much to be said for carrying out their full schedule and completing their total time

### Retention

As part of human nature, our memories forget facts and ideas most rapidly during the time immediately following our study of them.

For a given number of study hours, therefore, candidates will remember more if they review promptly and frequently. It is recommended that candidates review what they have learned as part of ending their study for the day. As they begin their next study session, candidates should review what they learned the last time, and what they learned during other recent sessions. Then they can recall points they have learned during odd spare moments in between study sessions. It is important for candidates to leave time for a thorough final review before the exam.

There are some analogies that can be made between preparing for an actuarial examination and learning to drive a car. Most inexperienced drivers have good motivation for learning to drive, and have a strong goal clearly in mind. Yet they still need to practice and rehearse their driving knowledge and skills until they become "second nature." This is easier to do if they keep practicing their driving in the days immediately after a lesson in which they learned something. Candidates should equally be the master of their actuarial studies by the time they enter the exam room. Experienced drivers should be able to pass a driving test not just on a few familiar streets, but over any legal route. In the same way, actuarial candidates should be able to pass any set of exam questions which has been drawn from the *Syllabus*.

Candidates should note the considerable emphasis in actuarial exams on knowledge. However, they should remember that the best way to learn facts by heart is very often to understand the whole subject, and to tie together ideas which are related. They should look at any single subject from several different angles, relating what they learn to what they know already. Candidates should look for as many connections as they can between their actuarial work and their actuarial studies.

As humans, we learn by doing. While the extent of a candidate's notes will be a matter of his or her own personal tastes, taking thorough notes will be a good investment of time for most people. For candidates, "translating" the subject matter into their own words helps their memories, and forces to their attention those items which they do not really under-

Another study technique candidates might want to try is to test themselves as they go along. They can review previous exams when they start to study to get an idea of the mastery of the *Syllabus* expected. Candidates can also take these as “trial exams” to help them in testing their knowledge and understanding of the course of reading, and in improving their exam speed and confidence. Some candidates deliberately test themselves; others prefer not to do so.

Candidates should expect a gradual gathering of momentum as they begin their study for a particular exam. By keeping at it, according to their plans, candidates will find their rate of progress speeding up after the first few weeks.

When a candidate finds himself or herself getting very “stale,” one possibility is to stop studying altogether for (say) three days. Then the candidate should continue on with his or her study plan, no matter how he or she feels, for at least the next month or six weeks. A candidate’s study plan should have enough spare time available in it to allow for such occasional “down time.” A mixed schedule, with a weekly combination of subjects that the candidate likes and subjects that he or she finds difficult, will help to minimize staleness.

Discussing the *Syllabus* with friends taking the same exam, or with others who have passed the exam will help candidates remember the material firmly and to understand it. It also helps candidates to realize their own gaps and difficulties. If effective study circles and tuition courses can be found, they will also help give candidates a different slant on the subject, give them a chance to review and to practice, keep them moving through the *Syllabus*, and help to combat lethargy and self-satisfaction.

Candidates should beware, however, of someone else doing their own thinking for them—it is imperative that they develop and maintain their own command and understanding of each subject. When reading, candidates should challenge the author in their minds and debate with him or her, rather than merely swallowing everything whole.

## Formulating Answers

### Multiple-Choice Questions

It helps to have a good understanding, from several points of view, of the subject material. Candidates can also develop valuable shortcuts, such as eliminating impossible answers by checking out boundary conditions or by inspecting other aspects of certain suggested solutions, or by substituting numerical values and cutting out some answers. Since questions are varied, candidates will need a variety of techniques to cope with them.

In a multiple-choice examination, speed is an important factor. Candidates increase their chances of passing if they are able to seriously attempt each question on the entire paper at least once. It may help them to determine the proportionate number of questions to answer in the first half-hour of the exam, to check how much ground they cover in that time, and then accordingly either (a) speed up, or (b) slow down and dig more deeply.

When pressed for time, it may pay for candidates to omit a few multiple-choice questions which they expect to take them more time than average, so as to have time for a larger number of more quickly-answered questions. For example, a cluster of questions may have a common introduction which a candidate does not readily grasp, in which case he or she might well skip the entire cluster at a first attempt.

Candidates may find it helpful to keep a list of the number of the questions not answered so that they quickly can get an idea of how many they are omitting, and so that they can go back to them more rapidly later on.

There is no advantage in guessing answers if a guess is 100% purely random.

Candidates should change their answers only if they are sure that their first solution was wrong.

### Essay Questions

The model response to the typical essay question is brief, less than one-half of a written page. Be concise—candidates do not need to answer in complete sentences when a well-composed outline format is more appropriate. Candidates should not waste time on obscure details. They should show that they have learned the relevant material, and that they understand it. They should state the obvious, if it is part of the answer.

For questions which require candidates to work a numerical solution,

cated calculations in tables which demonstrate their understanding of the correct solution.

Candidates should keep each answer relevant to the precise question being asked. They should make sure they first understand exactly what is wanted before they begin to answer a question. When they have written part or all of their answer, they should take another look at the question and make sure they have answered—not their own question—but the question as set on the examination page.

If candidates are asked to “discuss” a proposal, they should list all significant arguments both for and against it.

Candidates should take time to write legibly, since examiners can only give credit for what they can read. They should try to “organize” their answer. Then, their main aim is to get down as much relevant material as they can.

There is no advantage to answering the questions in any particular order. Candidates may answer the questions in the order given if they wish. Alternatively, candidates can quickly read over the whole paper, warm up with whichever question that comes easily to them, gradually working into the questions they find more challenging, and end up on a question which they think can be answered readily even though, by that time, their energy and concentration may be tending to fall off.

Note that since each question is graded separately, each answer must be self-contained. Candidates should not say, “Part of my answer to question 1 is found in my answer to question 3.”

It is important that candidates remember that they have limited time. Candidates will find that it is worth checking their progress to assure that they have an opportunity to respond to every question. If they know that a question will take too much time, they can pass it and return to it later, if time permits.

### **Final Mental Preparations**

Olympic and professional athletes often vary their training schedules as a major contest approaches. They often ease up on endurance training, and shift their aim to sharpening their alertness, their effectiveness, and

Some candidates fail in the first half-hour or so of an examination. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say they “defeat themselves” in that time. They become pessimistic and discouraged, and think too much about the possibility of their having made a bad start in answering the questions.

Other candidates, with the same ability, knowledge, and preparation—and making bumbles just as bad in parts of the exam as the first type of candidates—nevertheless succeed in passing the same exam. As in life itself so in actuarial exams, the difference between failure and success is often linked to a person’s attitude. Confidence and optimism, based on mastery of the subject through hard work and many hours of study, will help a candidate to keep going.

Instead of wasting time and energy worrying about how badly they believe they are doing—candidates should do something constructive on another question. They can always come back later to the weak answer, time permitting.

Candidates should never give up in the exam room. They should use every minute and every second of the available time. They should not “grade their own papers,” and decide not to hand in an answer to a question or two because they feel it is all wrong. They should hand in all of their answers, and let the examiners do the grading. At least one candidate has not handed in some answer pages which he or she had condemned in his or her own mind, only to find out later that the work was correct, and to find out still later that he or she had narrowly failed to pass.

### **Books to Read**

Some candidates may find it a good investment of their time to read one or more books discussing study and exam techniques. On the other hand, many candidates have successfully completed all their exams without reference to such texts. These texts will be of little value to a candidate with solid study habits. For those candidates who have not developed good study habits, then these type of texts are more likely to be worthy of their consideration.

It is up to the candidate to decide for himself or herself on a single strategy to follow, especially he or she refers to more than one book. While all books will have a common thrust, there may be some differences between



are studying. Rather, they should read such books as they wish, and decide for themselves a single, clear path to travel—and then stick to it.

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# Associateship Examinations

## Part 1

### Calculus and Linear Algebra— *SOA Course 100*

This Examination Part is jointly administered by the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Society of Actuaries.

This three-hour, multiple-choice examination is based on material usually covered in undergraduate mathematics courses including differential and integral calculus and a first course in linear algebra. The general scope of this examination is indicated by the following topics:

- Real and complex numbers
- Elementary set theory, including unions, intersections, and complements
- Functions, equations, and inequalities
- Analytic geometry of two and three dimensions
- Standard algebraic and transcendental functions, including polynomial, rational, trigonometric, logarithmic, and exponential functions
- Limits, continuity, differentiability, and integrability
- Derivatives, integrals, and partial derivatives
- The fundamental theorem of integral calculus
- Applications of derivatives and integrals, including multiple integrals
- Finite and infinite sequences and series, including the Taylor series expansion
- The mean value theorem

- Scalar products, linear transformations, and kernel and image space
- Matrices, determinants, eigenvectors, and eigenvalues

Candidates who have not taken mathematics courses covering those topics may be helped by any of the texts covering calculus, analytic geometry, and linear algebra listed below. These readings may be considered representative of the many texts used in colleges and universities in the United States and Canada which adequately cover the material upon which candidates may be examined. Earlier or later editions of the texts listed below contain essentially the same information, and should be considered adequate for review purposes.

### Readings

Thomas, G.B., Jr., and Finney, R.L., *Calculus and Analytic Geometry* (Eighth Edition), 1992.

Purcell, E.J., and Varberg, D., *Calculus with Analytic Geometry* (Sixth Edition), 1992.

Bradley, G.L., *A Primer for Linear Algebra*, Chapters 1-6.

Kolman, B., *Introductory Linear Algebra with Applications* (Fourth Edition).

## Changes to Part 1 for November 1995

The content and structure for this Examination Part will change for the November 1995 examination. Although the length of the exam will remain three hours in duration, the number of questions will be reduced from 60 questions to 45, and a short table of integrals will be provided. Fewer questions, and an emphasis on conceptual knowledge rather than computational skills will better test candidates' knowledge of the Part 1 material.

A set of sample questions for the new format will be made available several months before the November 1995 exam is given.

## Part 2

### Probability and Statistics—SOA Course 110

This Examination Part is jointly administered by the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Society of Actuaries.

This three-hour, multiple-choice examination is based on material usually covered in undergraduate courses in mathematical probability and statistics. It can be taken by candidates who have had thorough college courses in these subjects or by persons who have done concentrated reading in these fields. The general scope of this examination is indicated by the following topics, which are among those proposed for a one-year college course in probability and statistics by the Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics (CUPM) of the Mathematical Association of America:

- Sample spaces
- Axioms and elementary theorems of probability
- Independence, conditional probability, and Bayes' theorem
- Permutations and combinations
- Random variables
- Binomial, Poisson, normal, chi-square,  $t$ ,  $F$ , and other probability distributions
- Expectation, mean, variance, and moment-generating functions of probability distributions
- Multivariate distributions
- Transformations of random variables
- Conditional and marginal distributions
- Central limit theorem
- Point estimation, including maximum likelihood estimation and the application of criteria such as consistency, unbiasedness, and minimum variance
- Tests of statistical hypotheses, including power functions, Type I

- Regression and correlation
- Method of least squares
- Interpretation of experimental results
- Bayesian estimation

The CUPM has reported that statistics courses can be implemented in a variety of ways, and can include different topics with different emphases on those topics. The fact that widely divergent approaches are acceptable is illustrated by the many texts appropriate for a one-year college course. Among such texts, the following are representative of those which cover most of the above topics and provide the mathematical background required for this examination.

#### **Readings**

Hogg, R.V., and Craig, A. T., *Introduction to Mathematical Statistics* (Fourth Edition).

Hoel, P.G., Port, S.C., and Stone, C.J., *Introduction to Probability Theory and Introduction to Statistical Theory*.

Mood, A.M., Graybill, F.A., and Boes, D.C., *Introduction to the Theory of Statistics* (Third Edition).

Candidates who have mastered the text material and can work the problems in any one of these references should be adequately prepared to handle the mathematical material in this examination.

The following page references to the representative texts listed above are provided to assist candidates in locating some of the appropriate background material for a few selected topics that are included in this examination:

#### **Moment-generating functions of probability distributions:**

Hogg and Craig—pp. 50-57, 91-92, 101, 105-107, 110-111, 119-120, and 164-169.

Hoel, Port, and Stone—pp. 197-200 (Volume I).

Mood, Graybill, and Boes—pp. 78-81 and 538-543.

#### **Applications of chi-square distribution (chi-square tests):**

#### **Regression and correlation:**

Hogg and Craig—pp. 73-78, 117-120, and 296-303.

Hoel, Port, and Stone—pp. 99-100 (Volume I), 33, 111-119, and 148-153 (Volume II).

Mood, Graybill, and Boes—pp. 155-159, 161, 167-169, and 482-502.

#### **Bayesian estimation:**

Hogg and Craig—pp. 227-233.

Hoel, Port, and Stone—pp. 36-42 (Volume II).

Mood, Graybill, and Boes—pp. 339-350 and 396-398.

An additional reference for candidates who may wish further practice in solving problems is:

Speigel, M.R., *Statistics: 975 Problems* (Second Edition), Schaum's Outline Series, McGraw-Hill.

A second additional reference for candidates who may wish to acquire further insight into the underlying nature of statistics and exposure to statistical applications is:

Tanur, Mosteller, et al, *Statistics: A Guide to the Unknown* (Third Edition).

In addition, it will be assumed that candidates are familiar with an ordinary deck of 52 playing cards and an ordinary six-faced die.

## Part 3 (A, B, and C)

This examination is administered as three separate examinations corresponding to each sub-part as listed below. Parts 3A, 3B, and 3C may be taken on separate examination dates so that partial credits may be earned until all sections are passed.

Part 3A and 3C are jointly administered by the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Society of Actuaries. Part 3B is administered solely by the Casualty Actuarial Society.

For many candidates, Part 3 is the first actuarial examination for which they will be preparing without the benefit of a formal course in the subject material. These candidates may find it helpful to maintain contact with other Part 3 candidates and to take advantage of opportunities to discuss with others questions that are considered difficult. Candidates should not hesitate to consult members of the profession in their own organizations or others who are knowledgeable on these subjects.

SOA Study Notes are available for Parts 3A and 3C from the Society of Actuaries at a charge. The SOA Study Notes for the May examinations may be ordered after January 1; those for the November examinations may be ordered after July 1. The notes include past multiple-choice exams and an SOA Introductory Study Note which contains important information about the examinations, including any changes to the readings, errata, and descriptions of examination formats. If there is any conflict between information contained in the *Syllabus* and that contained in the SOA Introductory Study Note, the latter will govern. Candidates are urged to order the SOA Study Notes for each part they plan to take.

An order form for SOA Study Notes is included on page 99. Included on page 101 is a form for study groups and classes. All correspondence should be with the Society of Actuaries. Questions concerning SOA Study Notes or Study Note orders should be directed to the SOA Study Note Coordinator at: (708) 706-3525.

## Part 3A

### Applied Statistical Methods— SOA Course 120—May 1995

The general scope of this one-and-one-half-hour, multiple-choice examination is indicated by the following topics:

- Analysis of variance
- Regression analysis
- Time series analysis

#### Readings

Miller, R., and Wichern, D., *Intermediate Business Statistics*, 1977, Chapters 4 (up to but not including Tukey's Test on page 158), 5 (except Section 5.10; including Supplement A), 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (including Supplements A, B, and C), and 11 (including Supplement A).

SOA Study Note, available from the Society of Actuaries at a cost of \$19. (Code 120-11-83.)

### Applied Statistical Methods— SOA Course 120—November 1995

The general scope of this one-and-one-half-hour, multiple-choice examination is indicated by the following topics:

- Regression analysis
- Time series analysis
- Forecasting

#### Readings

Abraham, B., and Ledolter, J., *Statistical Methods for Forecasting*, 1983, Chapters 1-3, 4 (Sections 1-2), 5 (all except Sections 5.6.4, 5.7.1, and Appendix 5), and 8 (Section 5 only)

## Part 3B

### Introduction to Property and Casualty Insurance

Prior to commencing study for this one-and-one-half-hour examination, candidates should read the "Recommendations for Study" section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining the 1995 Study Kit and past examinations, and other information important to sitting for this examination. Items marked with a bold **SK** and a bold **SKU** constitute the 1995 Study Kit which is available from the CAS Office for a cost of \$16 (\$26 Canadian). A 1994 Study Kit Update is available for a cost of \$10 (\$18 Canadian), and includes the items marked with a bold **SKU**.

Note: *Sharing the Risk* by Marks and Craigie contains a good basic introduction to insurance. Although this reference is not part of the required readings for Part 3B, candidates may find it useful to review this material as background for this examination. This reading is available from the Insurance Information Institute, 110 William St., New York, NY 10038, at a cost of \$9.95.

The insurance policy is the contract describing the services and protection which the insurance company provides to the insured. It is, in effect, the only "product" the insurance buyer receives until the time a loss occurs. Because actuaries will be pricing this "product," it is essential that they have an understanding of what the product includes. Also, as the contract is amended, either by choice or by legislative or judicial activity, an actuary will be called upon to evaluate the effect these changes will have on the cost of providing the coverage. Therefore, in studying the policy forms, candidates should develop an understanding of the nature of the coverages provided and the bases of exposure used in the respective lines of insurance.

Candidates will be held responsible for knowledge of the U.S. and Canadian policy forms included in the 1995 Study Kit. Candidates will not be held responsible for the associated endorsements, except for the Canadian endorsement noted below. Manual excerpts should be studied as illustrative of the part played by manuals in the forms, coverages, and rating area.

Underwriting is a key function in the insurance business with unique qualities

Product design and product modification are areas in an insurance company's operations in which an actuary may become involved with the marketing function of an insurance company as it relates to pricing, market research, and marketing philosophy. Candidates should be well versed in the responsibilities of the marketing function, as well as the basic differences among different marketing systems for insurance products.

Ratemaking is critical to determining the premium for an insurance policy. Candidates should understand the basic ratemaking principles.

The settlement of claims determines losses which are the key component for insurance ratemaking and reserving. Candidates should know how claims are settled, relevant policy provisions, and the basic concepts of loss reserving.

#### Readings

Brown, R.L., *Introduction to Ratemaking and Loss Reserving for Property and Casualty Insurance*, ACTEX Publications, Sections 4.1-4.6, pp. 105-135; available from ACTEX at a cost of \$35.

**NEW** Hamilton, K.L. and Malecki, D.S., *Personal Insurance: Property and Liability* (First Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1994, pp. 1-19, 47-98, 103-144, 153-193, 210-239, 281-291.

**SKU** Hallman, G.V. and Hamilton, K.L., *Personal Insurance: Life, Health, and Retirement* (First Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1994, pp. 1-39.

**SKU** Trieschmann, James S., Weining, E.A., Hedges, R.A., Turpin, J., and Flitner, A.L., *Commercial Property Insurance and Risk Management* (Fourth Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1994, Vol I, pp. 1-9, 103-127, 173-176, 201-204; Vol. II, pp. 97-103, 149-157.

Malecki, D.S. Horn, R.D., Wiening, E.A., and Donaldson, J.H., *Commercial Liability Risk Management and Insurance* (Second Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1986, Vol. I, pp. 61-112, and 199-346; Vol. II, pp. 1-58, 123-193, and 201-229. (As there are errors in the first printing of this edition, candidates should obtain a later printing. The Study Kit will contain a list of additions and corrections to the first printing.)

**SK** Troxel, T.E., and Bouchie, G.E., *Property Liability Insurance Accounting and Finance* (Third Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1990, pp. 83-103.

**SK** Wiening, E.A., and Malecki, D.S., *Insurance Contract Analysis* (First Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1990, pp. 4-30, 37-91, 110-121, 125-135, and 373-382.

Webb, B.L., Harrison, C.M., and Markham, J.J., *Insurance Operations* (First Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1992, Vol. I, Chapters 1-4; Vol. II, Chapters 10, 11, and pp. 197-248.

**SK** Health Insurance Association of America, *Group Life and Health Insurance—Part C* (Third Edition), 1992, Chapter 2, pp. 11-33.

**SKU** Black, K., Jr., and Skipper, H., Jr., *Life Insurance*, (Twelfth Edition), Prentice Hall Publishers, pp. 639-660.

**SK** Ontario Insurance Commission, *Ontario Policy Form (O.P.F. No. 1) —Owner's Form*, 6/90 Edition, Parts A-D. Candidates should focus on differences with U.S. coverages, not on detailed information such as limits, benefit amounts, etc.

**SK** Ontario Insurance Commission, *Ontario Endorsement Form (O.E.F. No. 44)—Family Protection Endorsement*, 6/90 Edition, Sections 1-8. Candidates should focus on differences with U.S. coverages, not on detailed information such as limits, benefit amounts, etc.

**SK** Insurance Services Office:

Personal Automobile Policy (Edition 12-89)

Personal Automobile Manual (Effective 12-89), General Rules 1-6

Homeowners Policy, HO-3 (New Edition 4-91 **SKU**)

Commercial General Liability Policy:

Occurrence (Edition 11-85)

Claims-Made (Edition 2-86)

**SK** National Council on Compensation Insurance:

Workers' Compensation Policy (Edition 4-84)

Basic Manual of Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability

## Part 3C

### Numerical Methods—SOA Course 135

This subject encompasses various techniques for handling numerical data. Although many of the principles lend themselves readily to computer procedures and methods, knowledge of such procedures or methods is neither presupposed nor required for the examination. The general scope of this one-and-one-half-hour examination is indicated by the following topics:

- Iteration, Interpolation
- Numerical integration
- Linear systems.

#### Readings

Burden, R.L., and Faires, J.D., *Numerical Analysis* (Fifth Edition) Chapters 1 (Sections 1.1-1.3), 2 (Sections 2.1-2.5), 3 (Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.4<sup>5</sup>), 4 (Sections 4.3-4.6), and 6 (Sections 6.1-6.6).

SOA Study Notes, available from the Society of Actuaries at a cost of \$16.

<sup>5</sup>As related background material for Cubic Splines, candidates should read pp. 157-158 to and including the sentence preceding table 4.1 in the Fifth Edition. However, examination questions will not be based on these pages.

## Part 4 (A and B)

This examination is administered as two separate examinations corresponding to each sub-part as listed below. Parts 4A and 4B may be taken on separate examination dates so that partial credits may be earned until all sections are passed.

### Part 4A

#### Interest and Life Contingencies

Prior to commencing study for this two-hour examination, candidates should read the "Recommendations for Study" section on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining past examinations, and other information important to sitting for this examination. Items marked with a bold **SK** constitute the 1995 Study Kit which is available from the CAS Office for a cost of \$6 (\$12 Canadian).

##### Theory of Interest

Candidates will need to understand the basic theory of interest and interest functions, as well as basic applications. An understanding of annuities, amortization, and sinking funds is also required.

##### Life Contingencies

Candidates will be expected to have an understanding of the various types of life insurance products and their characteristics. Additionally, the successful candidate will be required to understand the basic theory and concepts of actuarial mathematics. Major topics include:

- survival functions and mortality tables;
- life insurance;
- life annuities;
- net premiums and net premium reserves;

##### Readings

NEW SK Hallman, G.V., and Hamilton, K.L., *Personal Insurance: Life, Health and Retirement* (First Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters, 1994, Chapter 4.

Parmenter, M.M., *The Theory of Interest and Life Contingencies with Pension Applications: A Problem-Solving Approach*, 1988, Chapters 1-4, 7, and 8 (8.1).

Bowers, N.L., Gerber, H.U., Hickman, J.C., Jones, D.A., and Nesbitt, C.J., *Actuarial Mathematics*, 1986, Chapters 3 (all sections except 3.6), 4 (4.1-4.3, 4.6), 5 (5.1-5.4, 5.6); 6 (6.1-6.3, 6.6), 7 (7.1-7.4), 8 (8.1-8.5), and 9 (9.1-9.3). (Candidates are not responsible for the formulae dealing with *monthly* payments in sections 5.6 and 6.6. Candidates will not be tested on commutation functions.)

Snader, R.H., "Reserving Long Term Medical Claims," *PCAS LXXIV*, 1987, pp. 322-353.

### Part 4B

#### Credibility Theory and Loss Distributions

Prior to commencing study for this two-and-one-half-hour examination, candidates should read the "Recommendations for Study" section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining the 1995 Study Kit, and other information important to sitting for this examination. Items marked with a bold **SK** constitute the 1995 Study Kit which is available from the CAS Office for a cost of \$16 (\$26 Canadian). References are listed in the suggested order for study.

##### Credibility Theory

The candidate will be required to have a thorough understanding of credibility theory and concepts contained in the readings. Knowledge of Bayes' Theorem and its relationship to credibility is also necessary.

##### Loss Distributions

general, and for use in modeling insurance claims in particular, is required. Major topics include:

- statistical concepts of location and dispersion;
- statistical distributions useful to insurance; and
- making inferences from insurance data.

### **Readings**

Hossack, I.B., Pollard, J.H., and Zehnwirth, B., *Introductory Statistics with Applications in General Insurance*, 1983, Chapters 4 (all sections), 5 (all sections), 6 (6.1-6.4), and 8 (excluding 8.7).

**SK** Longley-Cook, L.H., *An Introduction to Credibility Theory*, 1962 (for background only).

**SK** Herzog, T.N., *An Introduction to Bayesian Credibility and Related Topics*, Casualty Actuarial Society, 1985.

**SK** Philbrick, S.W., "An Examination of Credibility Concepts," *PCAS LXVIII*, 1981, pp. 195-212.

SOA Study Note, "An Introduction to Stochastic Simulation" (Code: 130-33-86), available from the Society of Actuaries at a cost of \$8.

Hogg, R.V., and Klugman, S.A., *Loss Distributions*, 1984, Chapters 3 (3.1-3.4, 3.6), 4 (4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5), and 5 (5.2).

Many actuarial problems involve the analysis of incurred losses for an insured event. Often in practice, the objective may be to find reasonable and usable approximations to the distribution of those losses. The *Loss Distributions* text depicts methods for doing this. Chapter 2 and the Appendix of this text describe a variety of mathematical distributions. Through study of the required sections, candidates are expected to become familiar with some uses of these distributions. Candidates will not be tested directly on the distributions themselves; rather the emphasis will be on using them in a problem-solving manner. Solutions to selected exercises from the text are available in the 1995 Study Kit.

In order to promote the proper emphasis on the preparation for this examination, the Appendix of *Loss Distributions* (pp. 217-232) will be provided to students at the time of the examination.

## **Part 5 (A and B)**

This examination is administered as two separate examinations corresponding to each sub-part as listed below. Parts 5A and 5B may be taken on separate examination dates so that partial credits may be earned until all sections are passed.

### **Part 5A**

#### **Principles of Economics; Theory of Risk and Insurance**

Part 5A is being offered as a two-hour examination. Prior to commencing study for this examination, candidates should read the "Recommendations for Study" section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining SOA Study Notes, out-of-print readings, past examinations, and other information important to sitting for this examination. References are listed in the suggested order of study.

#### **Principles of Economics**

Candidates will be required to have a knowledge of economics at the advanced college level. Candidates should be familiar with microeconomic theory, and should be prepared to apply that theory to specific questions in the area of insurance. Candidates should understand the macroeconomic model presented in the SOA Study Note, and be prepared to use that model to address questions regarding likely changes in prices, interest rates, and output resulting from macroeconomic shocks such as changes in raw material prices, changes in aggregate wealth, and changes in government fiscal or monetary policy.

#### **Readings**

Stigler, G.J., *The Theory of Price* (Fourth Edition), 1987, Chapters 1-13, 14 (pp. 236-242), 15, 19, 20 (pp. 320-330), and Appendix A. Candidates should be prepared to answer questions regarding the theory as presented in the text, and will be expected to



the “Index to Text References” for information about purchasing this text at a discounted price.)

Wachtel, P., *Macroeconomics*, 1991, SOA Course 220 Study Note, Chapters I-VI, available from the Society of Actuaries at a cost of \$29.

## Theory of Risk and Insurance

Candidates should know what risk is, the kinds of risk, and the ways in which risk can be handled, with particular emphasis on the relation to insurance.

### Readings

Bowers, N.L., Gerber, H.U., Hickman, J.C., Jones, D.A., and Nesbitt, C.J., *Actuarial Mathematics*, 1986, Chapters 2, 11.

NEW Daykin, C.D., Pentikäinen, T., Pesonen, M., *Practical Risk Theory for Actuaries*, 1994, Chapters 1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.6.

## Part 5B

### Finance

Part 5B is being offered as a two hour examination. Prior to commencing study for this examination, candidates should read the “Recommendations for Study” section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining past examinations, and other information important to sitting for this examination.

### Readings

Brealey, R.A., and Myers, S.C., *Principles of Corporate Finance* (Fourth Edition), 1991, Chapters 4, 5, 6 (6-1), 7-9, 12 (12-3, 12-4, 12-5), 13, 14, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30 (Appendix only), 34, and 36; including Appendices except for Chapters 4, 6, 9, and 28. (While candidates will not be tested on Chapters 1-3, they may find it useful to review these chapters as background for this examination. Although no direct questions will be taken from these chapters, familiarity with

## Part 6

### Principles of Ratemaking and Data for Ratemaking

Prior to commencing study for this four-hour examination, candidates should read the “Recommendations for Study” section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining the 1995 Study Kit (which contains Study Notes and out-of-print readings), and other information important to sitting for this examination. Items marked with a bold **SK** and an **SKU** constitute the 1995 Study Kit which is available from the CAS at a cost of \$88 (\$123 Canadian). A 1994 Study Kit Update is available for a cost of \$10 (\$18 Canadian), and includes the items marked with just a bold **SKU**.

#### A. Principles of Ratemaking

This section contains readings which describe ratemaking concepts in broad, general principles as well as in specific detail for many lines of insurance. Certain general subjects of particular importance, such as credibility theory, classification, and individual risk ratemaking, trend and loss development factors, and liability increased limits ratemaking, are addressed in separate papers.

Candidates for this examination should have a thorough understanding of the general, basic principles of ratemaking such that they can analyze the data given, select an appropriate ratemaking technique, and develop a solution to a numerical problem. In addition, candidates should be familiar with the ratemaking techniques presented in the readings, and should be able to compare and discuss why certain procedures are applicable to individual lines of insurance, as well as to be able to work numerical problems using those techniques.

Candidates should also be prepared to discuss specialized concepts in ratemaking, such as trend and loss development, and consider their relationship to changes in the economic environment.

Candidates are not responsible for current, specific developments in ratemaking procedures. However, the 1995 Study Kit contains information on the current

types of techniques, their application, and how they relate to changes in the economic and social environment.

The following list of topics is typical of those candidates should be prepared to discuss:

- The selection and evaluation of ratemaking techniques corresponding to the characteristics of a given line of insurance:
  - a. pure premium versus loss ratio
  - b. calendar year versus accident year versus policy year
  - c. credibility
  - d. territorial and classification relativities
- Methods for trending and projecting losses and premiums (when appropriate):
  - a. internal versus external indices
  - b. relation to loss development
  - c. claim cost projection versus current cost index approach
  - d. impact of deductibles, coinsurance, and insurance-to-value programs
- Candidates should also be prepared to discuss and apply ratemaking principles to problems which may not have generally-recognized solutions.

### **Readings**

McClenahan, C.L., "Ratemaking," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science* (Second Edition), Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, Chapter 2, pp. 25-90. (Errata contained in Study Kit and Study Kit Update.)

Finger, R.J., "Risk Classification," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science*, (Second Edition) Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, Chapter 5, pp. 231-276. (Errata contained in Study Kit and Study Kit Update.)

**SK** Committee on Ratemaking Principles, *Statement of Principles Regarding Property and Casualty Insurance Ratemaking*, Casualty Actuarial Society, pp. 73-76

**SK** Miller, D.L., and Davis, G.E., "A Refined Model for Premium Adjustment," *PCAS LXIII*, 1976, pp. 117-124. Including discussion of paper: Karlinski, F., *PCAS LXIV*, 1977, pp. 103-105.

**SKU** Study Note Reading: Feldblum, S., "Workers' Compensation Ratemaking." Examination questions will not be based directly on the appendices, which were included in this Study Note for completeness.

**SK** Stern, P.K., "Ratemaking Procedures for Automobile Liability Insurance," *PCAS LII*, 1965, pp. 139-202. Including discussions of paper: Dorf, S.A., *PCAS LIII*, 1966, pp. 190-191; Gill, J.F., *PCAS LIII*, 1966, pp. 192-194.

**SK** Miller, M.J., "Private Passenger Automobile Insurance Ratemaking—A Calendar Year Approach," *PCAS LXVI*, 1979, pp. 1-37. Including discussion of paper: Kollar, J.J., *PCAS LXVI*, 1979, pp. 38-40.

**SK** Study Note Reading: Chernick, D.R., "Private Passenger Automobile Physical Damage Ratemaking."

**SK** Graves, N., and Castillo, R., "Commercial General Liability Insurance Ratemaking for Premises and Operations," *Pricing Issues*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion Paper Program, 1990, Vol. II, pp. 631-696.

**SK** Marker, J.O., and Mohl, J.J., "Rating Claims-Made Insurance Policies," *Pricing Property and Casualty Insurance Products*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion Paper Program, 1980, pp. 265-304. Including discussion of paper: McManus, M.F., pp. 305-322.

**SK** Hurley, R.L., "Commercial Fire Insurance Ratemaking Procedures," *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 208-257. Including discussions of paper: Schneiker, H.C., *PCAS LXI*, 1974, pp. 62-66; Amlie, W.P., *PCAS LXI*, 1974, pp. 67-70; Author's response, *PCAS LXI*, 1974, pp. 70-72.

**SK** Study Note Reading: "Fire—Statewide Rate Level Analysis—Classification Relativity Analysis," pp. 1-26.

**SK** Study Note Reading: "Extended Coverage—Statewide Rate Level Analysis—Classification Relativity Analysis," pp. 1-23.

- SK** Cook, C.F., "Trend and Loss Development Factors," *PCAS LVII*, 1970, pp. 1-14. Including discussions of paper: Scheel, P.J., and Sturgis, R.W., *PCAS LVII*, 1970, pp. 15-17; Uhthoff, D.R., *PCAS LVII*, 1970, pp. 18-22; Walters, M.A., *PCAS LVII*, 1970, pp. 22-26.
- SK** Study Note Reading: Head, G.L., *Insurance to Value*, Chapters 1, 2, and 6-8, and Appendices 1-4 (reproduced with permission of Huebner Foundation).
- SK** Study Note Reading: "Deductibles, Excess Covers, and Coinsurance Clauses," *Casualty Contingencies* (Exposure Draft), Chapter 13.
- SK** Lange, J.T., "The Interpretation of Liability Increased Limits Statistics," *PCAS LVI*, 1969, pp. 163-173. Including discussions of paper: Fowler, T.W., *PCAS LVII*, 1970, pp. 88-89; Hunter, J.R., *PCAS LVII*, 1970, pp. 90-103.
- Tiller, M.W., "Individual Risk Rating," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science* (Second Edition), Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, Chapter 3, pp. 91-142.
- SK** Study Note Reading: Tiller, M.W., "Individual Risk Rating."
- D'Arcy, S.P., "Investment Issues in Property Liability Insurance," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science*, (Second Edition) Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, Chapter 8, pp. 525-532.
- SK** Study Note Reading: Robbin, Ira, "The Underwriting Profit Provision" (as updated in 1992).
- SK** Wade, R.C., "Expense Analysis in Ratemaking and Pricing," *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 1-10. Including discussions of paper: Comey, D.R., *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 11-12. Dahme, O.E., *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 13-14; Author's response, *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 14-15.
- SK** Study Note Reading: "Expense Provisions in the Rates."
- SK** Study Note Reading: "Surety Association of America—Ratemaking and Review Procedures."
- SK** Study Note Reading: "Experience Rating and Funding Methods."
- SK** Study Note Reading: "Group Medical/Dental Benefit Pricing."
- SK** Study Note Reading: "The Impact of Inflation on Group Insurance

**SK** Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries, "Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 13, Trending Procedures in Property/Casualty Insurance Ratemaking."

**SK** Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries, "Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 17, Expert Testimony by Actuaries."

## B. Data for Ratemaking

This section includes readings which cover the planning and use of internal statistical material, the compilation and presentation of insurance statistics for statistical and ratemaking purposes, and the sources and uses of external statistics, particularly as they may be required in insurance administration and ratemaking.

Candidates should be familiar with the data captured in the individual statistical plans, being able to compare the different plans, noting limitations and possible areas of improvement. The relationship to the various ratemaking techniques should be noted.

### Readings

**SK** Study Note Reading: "Excerpts from Statistical Plans."

**SK** Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries, "Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 23, Data Quality."

**SKU** Study Note Reading: "NCCI Reporting Guidebook for the Annual Calls for Experience," December 1, 1993, Calls #3, #5, #7, and #19.

## Part 7

### Premium, Loss, and Expense Reserves; and Insurance Accounting, Expense Analysis, and Published Financial Information

Prior to commencing study for this four-hour examination, candidates should read the "Recommendations for Study" section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining the 1995 Study Kit (which contains Study Notes and out-of-print readings), and other information important to sitting for this examination. Items marked with a bold **SK** and a **SKU** constitute the 1995 Study Kit which is available from the CAS Office for a cost of \$64 (\$90 Canadian). A 1994 Study Kit Update is available at a cost of \$27 (\$40 Canadian), and includes the items marked with just a bold **SKU**.

Section A of this examination deals with the analytical techniques which an actuary may employ to develop premium, loss, and expense reserves. Section B deals with the form, content, and interpretation of the two major reports an insurance company makes to regulatory authorities, and with sources of comparative data.

#### A. Premium, Loss, and Expense Reserves

An actuary may be expected to design and test reserving methods, complete Schedule P of the Annual Statement, and provide a statement of opinion relating to reserves. Candidates should be prepared to discuss such topics as:

- Professional principles and standards of practice applicable to loss reserves.
- The selection and evaluation of a loss reserving method appropriate to a given line of insurance:
  - a. For known claims
  - b. For IBNR claims
  - c. For all incurred claims
- Testing of adequacy of previous loss and loss expense reserve levels

- The identification of, and correction for, effects on loss reserves stemming from:
  - a. Changes in the loss climate
  - b. Changes in a company's handling of claims
  - c. Data problems
- Special reserving situations in a line arising from:
  - a. Catastrophe losses
  - b. Reopened claims
  - c. Policies on a claims-made rather than occurrence basis
  - d. Excess loss reserves
  - e. Discounting loss reserves
- The unearned premium reserve:
  - a. Improving its accuracy
  - b. The reserve for retrospective returns
  - c. Policies on a claims-made basis
  - d. Deposit premium policies
- Allocated loss expense reserves
- Unallocated loss expense reserves
- Statutory Annual Statement reserves

Candidates should be prepared to compare and evaluate the procedures discussed and the arguments advanced in the readings. The answers provided by candidates will be graded based on their applicability to the specific problem presented and the candidates' professional competence evidenced by their answers. While the readings for this part provide the basic factual information necessary, practical experience has often proved helpful in successfully completing the examination.

#### Readings

**NEW** Association Form of the 1994 Annual Statement Blank for Fire and Casualty Companies, those pages and schedules of the statement which relate to reserves.

- SK** Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries, "Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 9, Documentation and Disclosure in Property and Casualty Insurance Ratemaking, Loss Reserving, and Valuations (Doc. No. 027)," 1991. Excluding Appendices 1 and 3.
- SK** Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries, "Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 5, Incurred Health Claim Liabilities (Doc. No. 028)," 1991.
- SKU** Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada, "1994 Instructions for Actuarial Reports on Property and Casualty Business."
- SK** Canadian Institute of Actuaries, "Joint Policy Statement," 1991.
- SKU** Canadian Institute of Actuaries, "Valuation Actuary Compliance Questionnaire for Property-Casualty Insurance Company Financial Reporting in Canada," 1993.
- SK** Canadian Institute of Actuaries, "Recommendations for Property-Casualty Insurance Company Financial Reporting," January 1990.
- SKU** Canadian Institute of Actuaries, "Standards of Practice for the Appointed Actuary of an Insurance Company," June 1992.
- SKU** Canadian Institute of Actuaries, "The Appointed Actuary's Report for Insurance Company Published Financial Statements," November 1992.
- SKU** Canadian Institute of Actuaries, "Provisions for Adverse Deviations—Property & Casualty Insurance Companies," November 1993.
- SKU** Committee on Property and Liability Financial Reporting, American Academy of Actuaries, "Property and Casualty Practice Note 1994-1, Statements of Actuarial Opinion on P&C Loss Reserves as of December 31, 1993."
- NEW** Insurance Accounting and Systems Association, Inc., *Property-Liability Insurance Accounting* (Sixth Edition), 1994. (Candidates will receive notification of the correct page numbers no later than January 15.)
- Wiser, R. F., "Loss Reserving," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science* (Second Edition), Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, Chapter 4, pp. 143-230. (Errata contained in Study and Study Kit Update.)
- SK** Brosius, E., "An Actuarial Model of Loss Development."
- SK** Fisher, W.H., and Lange, J.T., "Loss Reserve Testing: A Report Year Approach," *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 189-207. Including discussions of paper: Skurnick, D., *PCAS LXI*, 1974, pp. 73-83; Author's response, *PCAS LXI*, 1974, pp. 84-85.
- SK** Bornhuetter, R.L., and Ferguson, R.E., "The Actuary and IBNR," *PCAS LIX*, 1972, pp. 181-195. Including discussions of paper: Cooper, W.P., *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 161-164; White, H.G., *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 165-168.
- SK** Berry, C.H., "A Method For Setting Retro Reserves," *PCAS LXVII*, 1980, pp. 226-238. Including discussion of paper: Morell, R.K., *PCAS LXVIII*, 1981, pp. 107-110.
- Adler, M., and Kline, C.D., Jr., "Evaluating Bodily Injury Liabilities Using a Claims Closure Model," *Evaluating Insurance Company Liabilities*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion Paper Program, 1988, p. 1-66.
- SK** Resony, A.V., "Allocated Loss Expense Reserves," *PCAS LIX*, 1972, pp. 141-149. Including discussion of paper: Petz, E.F., *PCAS LX*, 1973, pp. 157-160.
- Johnson, W.A., "Determination of Outstanding Liabilities for Unallocated Loss Adjustment Expenses," *PCAS LXXXVI*, 1989, p. 111-125. (Corrections to Exhibits 2-5 are available at the CAS Office.)
- SK** Kittel, J., "Unallocated Loss Adjustment Expense Reserves in an Inflationary Economic Environment," *Inflation Implications for Property-Casualty Insurance*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion Paper Program, 1981, pp. 311-331. Including discussion of paper: Bill, R., pp. 332-343.
- SK** Fisher, W.H., and Lester, E.P., "Loss Reserve Testing in a Changing Environment," *PCAS LXII*, 1975, pp. 154-171.
- SK** McClenahan, C.L., "A Mathematical Model for Loss Reserve Anal-

Berquist, J.R., and Sherman, R.E., "Loss Reserve Adequacy Testing: A Comprehensive, Systematic Approach," *PCAS LXIV*, 1977, pp. 123-184. Including discussion of paper: Thorne, J.O., *PCAS LXV*, 1978, pp. 10-33. (Discussion of paper is included in the Study Kit.)

**SK** Khury, C.K., "Loss Reserves: Performance Standards," *PCAS LXVII*, 1980, pp. 1-21. (Candidates will not be responsible for notation or development of the formulae in this paper.) Including discussion of paper: Berquist, J.R., *PCAS LXVII*, 1980, pp. 22-23.

Stanard, J.N., "A Simulation Test of Prediction Errors of Loss Reserve Estimation Techniques," *PCAS LXXII*, 1985, pp. 124-148. Including discussion of paper: Robertson, J.P., *PCAS LXXII*, 1985, pp. 149-153.

Pinto, E., and Gogol, D.F., "An Analysis of Excess Loss Development," *PCAS LXXIV*, 1987, pp. 227-255. Including discussions of paper: Levine, G.M., *PCAS LXXIV*, 1987, pp. 256-271, and Bear, R.A., *PCAS LXXIX*, 1992.

**SK** Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries, "Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 20, Discounting of Property and Casualty Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Reserves (Doc. No. 037)," 1992.

Lowe, S.P., and Philbrick, S.W., "Issues Associated with the Discounting of Property/Casualty Loss Reserves," *Journal of Insurance Regulation*, June 1986, p. 72.

Committee on Reserves of the Casualty Actuarial Society, "Risk Margins for Discounted Loss Reserves," *Casualty Actuarial Society Forum*, Winter 1991, pp. 139-160.

**SK** American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, "Discounting Claims of Insurance Enterprises."

**SK** Linquanti, A.J., "Calculation of Unearned Premium Reserves on Interim Audited Risks—Monthly, Quarterly, and Semi-Annual Bases."

## **B. Insurance Accounting, Expense Analysis, and Published Financial Information**

overview of insurance accounting is *Basic Concepts of Accounting and Taxation of Property/Casualty Companies*, a monograph by the Insurance Information Institute.

Candidates should have detailed familiarity with the contents, purpose, and recent changes in the Annual Statement Blank and the Insurance Expense Exhibit. This includes a knowledge of the methods of preparation and interrelationships of the various exhibits, schedules, and parts comprising these reports. Instructions for preparation of the Annual Statements are available from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The NAIC instructions may be purchased from the NAIC for \$100. Both instructions may also be borrowed from the CAS Library at no charge.

Candidates should understand the details of, and reasons for, the differences between the accounting methods employed under statutory and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) accounting. Candidates should also understand the differences between the statistics included in these reports and those used for ratemaking and the various types of experience analysis. In addition, candidates should be able to interpret and evaluate data from the reports, identify potential distortions in the data, and suggest possible means of adjusting for any distortions.

### **Readings**

National Association of Insurance Commissioners, *Proceedings*, Financial Condition (EX4) Subcommittee Blanks Task Force for 1990-1992, as applicable to the Fire and Casualty Blank, specifically: 1990—Volume II, pp., 302, 305-307; 1991—Volume IA, pp. 366-371, and Volume IIA, pp. 324, 437, 447-458, and 478; and 1992—Volume IA, pp. 253-254, 325-327, 337-350, 353-354, and 427-431.

## **Insurance Accounting**

### **Readings**

**NEW** Association Form of 1994 Annual Statement Blank for Fire and Casualty Companies (both individual and consolidated basis), pp. 2-12, and 14; Notes 11-19; Schedules D, F, H, and P; Supplement: Schedule DM, Supplement: Insurance Expense Exhibit. (Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of other sections of the annual statement that are discussed in the "Insurance Accounting" section.)

10.40-42, 10.60, 20.10-51, 30.10-60, 40.10, 40.90, 60.10-50, 65.10-11, 67.10-30, 70.10-40, 80.10-20, 99.10.

**NEW** Insurance Accounting and Systems Association, *Property-Liability Insurance Accounting* (Sixth Edition), 1994. (Candidates will receive notification of the correct page numbers no later than January 15.)

Almagro, M., and Ghezzi, T.L., "Federal Income Taxes—Provisions Affecting Property/Casualty Insurers," *PCAS LXXV*, 1988, pp. 95-162.

Feldblum, S., "Completing and Using Schedule P," *Journal of Insurance Regulation*, Winter 1992, Vol. 11, Issue 2, pp. 127-181.

**SKU** Feldblum, S., "Selected Notes to the Fire and Casualty Annual Statement."

**SKU** Feldblum, S., "Direct Charges and Credits to Surplus."

**SKU** Feldblum, S., "The Insurance Expense Exhibit and the Allocation of Investment Income."

**SKU** Feldblum, S., "Reinsurance Accounting: Schedule F."

**SK** Committee on Annual Statement, "Report on the Annual Statement," *PCAS LII*, 1965, pp. 244-258.

**SK** American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, *Audits of Property and Liability Insurance Companies*, 1993, Chapter 8.

**SKU** Financial Accounting Standards Board, "Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5—Accounting for Contingencies," Paragraphs 1-4, 8-11, 15, 40-45.

**SKU** Financial Accounting Standards Board, "Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 60—Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises," Paragraphs 1-9, 11, 13-14, 17-18, 20, 27-34, 38-41, 44, 60 a-h.

**SK** Balcarek, R.J., "Effect of Loss Reserve Margins in Calendar Year Results," *PCAS LIII*, 1966, pp. 1-16. Including discussion of paper: Longley-Cook, L.H., *PCAS LIII*, 1966, pp. 17-18.

## Expense Analysis

### Readings

**NEW** 1994 Insurance Expense Exhibit.

**NEW** Insurance Accounting and Systems Association, *Property-Liability Insurance Accounting* (Sixth Edition), 1994. (Candidates will receive notification of the correct page numbers no later than January 15.)

New York State Regulations, Title 11, 1963, Parts 105-109 (Regulation 30). (Available from CAS Library.)

Insurance Accounting and Systems Association, "Uniform Classification of Expenses for Property and Liability Insurance Companies," *Proceedings*, 1979, p. 290-292.

## Published Financial Information

Candidates should be familiar with the sources of published insurance statistics in order to know where to obtain such information when the need arises.

### Readings

**NEW** D'Arcy, S.P., "Special Issues—Data Sources," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science* (Second Edition), Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, Chapter 9, pp. 561-567.

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# Fellowship Examinations

## Part 8

### Tort Law and Statutory Insurance; Regulation and Regulatory Issues

Prior to commencing study for this four-hour examination, candidates should read the "Recommendations for Study" section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining the 1995 Study Kit (which contains Study Notes and out-of-print readings), and other information important to sitting for this examination. Items marked with a bold **SK** constitute the 1995 Study Kit which is available from the CAS Office for a cost of \$55 (\$78 Canadian). It contains some United States- and Canadian-specific material. A 1994 Study Kit Update is available at a cost of \$10 (\$18 Canadian), and includes the items marked with just a bold **SKU**.

In each section, there is a body of core material for which candidates will be held responsible. The remaining material in the section is divided according to the country, either the United States or Canada, for which it is primarily relevant. Candidates may choose to be tested on either the material designated Canadian or the material designated as United States and must declare this choice at the time of registration. All candidates will be tested on the core material. A black circle (•) is shown beside the United States material and a black diamond (◆) is shown beside Canadian material.

Candidates should be prepared to answer questions regarding current developments in subjects covered by this examination. Questions will be taken only from a list of potential current events topics which will be available by January 15. It will be provided to those students who have already registered by that date. If you plan to register after this date, but wish to receive the current events as soon as they become available, please contact the CAS Office.

The time frame for current events covers those issues appearing in periodicals that are published from January of the year prior to the examination through March of the year of the examination. However, answers based on more recent information will be acceptable.

#### *Readings*

- Candidates should read all issues of the following publications for information based on the published current event topics:

#### *Business Insurance*

*The National Underwriter* (Property-Casualty Risk and Benefits Management Edition)

*Best's Review*—Property/Casualty Insurance Edition

- ◆ Candidates should read all issues of the following publications for information based on the published current event topics:

#### *Canadian Underwriter*

*Thompson's Insurance World News* (Note: For candidates who do not have easy access to this publication, one year of issues may be obtained from the Secretariat of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.)

### A. Tort Law and Statutory Insurance

Legal foundations of tort law and statutory insurance are subjects which are not strictly actuarial in nature, but which affect many areas of an actuary's work. Since no prior legal knowledge is assumed, the first section includes several readings on tort law. This material should provide background and a basic understanding of how tort law gives rise to the need for insurance.

The background material is followed by a study of insurance coverages mandated by statute. In reviewing the recommended readings, candidates should be aware of the modifications of tort law with the introduction of various "first party" compensation systems.

These first party systems are exemplified by the Automobile No-Fault and Workers' Compensation coverages. Statutory coverages include those mandated by the state/province and those required by the federal govern-



bile insurance, candidates should be aware of the different legal environments presented by different states/provinces including financial responsibility or compulsory insurance laws and various involuntary market mechanisms.

The large variety of individually-tailored state or provincial laws in workers' compensation makes this area particularly complex, but candidates should understand the basic concepts and structure common to the diverse state or provincial statutes.

Finally, coverages required by the federal government or social insurance plans are presented. Candidates are expected to be familiar with the basic principles and concepts underlying the Social Security system in the United States or the social insurance systems in Canada and with the general actuarial principles involved in the valuation of these systems. Candidates are not expected to have detailed knowledge of the current level of benefits or the formulae used to calculate such benefits.

## Background Law and Insurance

### Readings

**NEW** Lorimer, J.J., Perlet, H.F., Kempin, F.G., and Hodosh, F.R., *The Legal Environment of Insurance* (Fourth Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1993, Vol. II, pp. 1-28, and 71-104.

Keeton, R., "The Impact on Insurance of Trends in Tort Law," *Issues in Insurance* (Third Edition), American Institute for Property Liability Underwriters, 1984, Vol. I.

**SK** State of New York Advisory Commission on Liability Insurance, "Reform of the Tort Law," *Insuring Our Future*, Part Two, Section II, pp. 121-163.

**SK** Hensler, D.R., Vaiana, M.E., Kakalik, J.S., Peterson, M.A., *Trends in Tort Litigation. The Story Behind the Statistics*, Rand Institute for Civil Justice, 1987.

♦ Waddams, S.M., *The Law of Damages*, 1983, Chapter 3. (Candidates will not be tested on details of cases mentioned only briefly, but will be responsible for knowledge of cases treated in some

**SK** ♦ Brown, C., and Menezes, J., *Insurance Law in Canada*, 1982, Chapter I.

## Statutory Insurance

### Automobile Insurance

#### Readings

**SK** Select Committee on Company Law, *The Insurance Industry*, "Government Presence in the Insurance Industry," Part III, Chapters 9-11.

**SK** • O'Connell, J., and Joost, R.H., "Giving Motorists a Choice Between Fault and No-Fault Insurance," *Virginia Law Review*, February 1986.

**NEW** • American Insurance Association, *Summary of Selected State Laws and Regulations Relating to Automobile Insurance*, 1994 Edition, (including any subsequent addenda):

- a. No-Fault Benefits
- b. Add-On Benefits
- c. Compulsory Liability, Financial Responsibility, and Uninsured Motorists Laws
- d. Residual Market Plans

## Workers' Compensation

#### Readings

**NEW** Chamber of Commerce of the United States, *Analysis of Workers' Compensation Laws*, 1994. (Although candidates are not expected to memorize the details of this reading, they should be familiar with the contents thereof and the coverages described.)

**SK** ♦ Mercer Handbook of Canadian Pension and Benefit Plans, April 1991, Chapter 17.

## Government Programs

### Readings

- Wood, G.L., Lily, C.C., Malecki, D.S., Graves, E.E., and Rosenblum, J.S., *Personal Risk Management and Insurance* (Fourth Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1989, Vol. I, pp. 335-347.
- Robertson, A.H., *Social Security: What Every Taxpayer Should Know*, 1992, Chapters 4-8, 10-11, 13-15, 17, and 21-22.
- Myers, R.J., *Social Security* (Third Edition), 1985, Chapters 5 (excluding pp. 416-442 and the Appendix), 13, and 15 (including Appendices to Chapters 13 and 15).
- SK** Koitz, David S., *The Social Security Surplus: A Discussion of Some of the Issues*, Congressional Research Service, 1988.
- SK** ♦ Mercer *Handbook of Canadian Pension and Benefit Plans*, April 1991, Chapters 7, 14, and 19.
- ♦ Towers Perrin, *Provincial Health Insurance Plans in Canada*, January 1993 and April 1994 Update. (Candidates are responsible for: Standard Conditions, applied to all provinces; Eligibility and Financing, for each province; and Coverage for each province, not including details such as premium charge, allowance, and age breakdown.) Candidates may obtain a copy of this item by contacting the CAS Office.
  - ♦ Towers Perrin, *Provincial Hospital Insurance Plans in Canada*, January 1993 and April 1994 Update. (Candidates are responsible for: Standard Conditions, applied to all provinces; and Eligibility and Financing, for each province.) Candidates may obtain a copy of this item by contacting the CAS Office.
- Greene, M., "Government Insurers," *Issues in Insurance* (Fourth Edition), American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters, 1987, Vol. I.
- Insurance Bureau of Canada, by the Insurance Studies Department of Laval University, Conrade LeBlanc Foundation, *Insurability of Natural Disasters*, April 1991, Research Report Summary.

## B. Regulation and Regulatory Issues

This section includes readings covering both the fundamentals of insurance regulation and a discussion of important issues that confront a regulator.

Candidates should understand the role of the insurance business as a supplier of an essential service. Because of the essential and highly technical nature of insurance, a system of regulatory controls has been established to require the industry to demonstrate that it is providing fair and reliable service in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the jurisdiction.

Each jurisdiction has an agency in the executive branch of its government that is empowered to carry out the duties of regulation. The New York Insurance Law and various Canadian laws are included as typical laws that have evolved over time. In both the background material and in the law itself, candidates should concentrate on those concepts of law which relate to the insurance contract, to the conduct of the business of insurance, and to the way insurance is marketed.

Judicial decisions also impact insurance regulation to the extent they interpret the law and thereby modify regulatory behavior. Several readings summarize significant cases which served to develop legal precedents.

In recent years, several reports have been issued examining the role of governments in insurance regulation. Excerpts from those reports are included on the *Syllabus* so that candidates may understand the unique nature of a state/province regulatory system, insurance industry's antitrust immunity, and proposals for change in this immunity.

Candidates should be familiar with the major changes in rate regulation and the various approaches currently in use. Candidates should consider how well each style of rate regulation meets the basic objectives of regulation: insurer solvency, availability of insurance, and fair treatment of policyholders and claimants.

Candidates should also be familiar with a wide range of issues that attract the attention of regulators: ratemaking, classification, shared markets, availability of insurance, insurer profitability, monitoring for solvency,

petition. Candidates should not only understand the importance of such areas for regulators but also the methods that are used to achieve regulatory goals.

Candidates may gain a better understanding of the solvency tests used by reviewing the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) publication entitled, *Using the NAIC Insurance Regulatory Information System* (Property and Liability Edition), 1993, but they will not be held responsible for its contents.

The NAIC is the umbrella organization of the various state insurance departments. It coordinates quarterly conventions of all the various state insurance departments, along with many other smaller meetings. In the NAIC structure, working groups report to task forces, which report to committees. Each of these levels are staffed by insurance department officials, commissioners at the higher levels, with technical assistance from the NAIC staff. Insurance industry experts, "interested parties", are frequently involved in the NAIC process.

The drafting of model laws and model regulations, designed for state enactment, along with making revisions to the various NAIC standard reports, e.g., the Annual Statement Blank, constitute two of the major agenda items at NAIC meetings.

### Readings

Candidates will be responsible for the material on **Property Casualty Risk-Based Capital** as found in the following issues of the *Proceedings of the NAIC*.

1992 Vol. IA, pp. 571-592

1993 1st Q, pp. 163-179

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## Introduction to Regulation

### Readings

**SK** Kimball, S.L., "The Meaning of McCarran-Ferguson Today," *Journal of Insurance Regulation*, September 1991, pp. 5-22.

**SK** Joskow, P.L., *Cartels, Competition, and Regulation in the Property-Liability Insurance Industry*.

**SK** Danzon, P., "Rating Bureaus in U.S. Property-Liability Insurance Markets; Anti-or Pro-Competitive?" *Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance*, October, 1983, pp. 371-402.

Kimball, S.L., and Denenberg H.S., (Eds.) *Insurance, Government, and Social Policy*, 1969, Chapters 1, 3, 4, and 10.

Mintel, J., *Insurance Rate Litigation*, 1983, Chapters 5 and 7. (Candidates will not be tested on details of cases mentioned only briefly, but will be responsible for knowledge of cases treated in some depth.)

• Mertz, A.C., *The First Twenty Years*. National Association of Independent Insurers (Available from many property-liability insurance companies and from the CAS Library).

**SK**• Joskow, P.L., Excerpt from the *Report of the National Commission for the Review of Antitrust Laws and Procedures*, Report of Economic Advisory Panel, "Competition and Regulation in the Property/Casualty Insurance Industry."

**SK**♦ Brown, C., and Menezes, J., *Insurance Law in Canada*, 1982, Chapter 2.

## Ratemaking (including Classification and Profitability)

### Readings

Mintel, J., *Insurance Rate Litigation*, 1983, Chapters 1, 8, 10, 11, and 13. (Candidates will not be tested on details of cases mentioned only briefly, but will be responsible for knowledge of cases treated in some depth.)

**SK** American Insurance Association. *Workers' Commensation Insur-*

Bureau of Insurance, Richmond, Virginia, *Competition in the Property and Casualty Insurance Industry*, January 1978.

**SK** ♦ Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, *A Study of Premium Stability in Compulsory Automobile Insurance*, September 1991, (including Exhibits I and II).

**SK** ♦ Insurance Bureau of Canada, *Submission to the Committee Appointed by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Alberta to Report on the Study of Premium Stability in Compulsory Automobile Insurance Conducted by the Alberta Automobile Insurance Board*, January 1992.

National Association of Insurance Commissioners, "Report of the Advisory Committee on Competitive Rating to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners," *Proceedings*, 1980, Vol. II, Chapters III-VI and Comments. (Candidates will not be responsible for the language of the model rating law itself nor the alternative model laws submitted in the report).

• New York (State) Laws, Statutes, etc., *New York Insurance Law*, Article 1, Section 107, Article 23 (all sections). (Candidates are responsible only for the sections of the law as stated. If studying from publications such as the Consolidated Laws Service, which cite case histories as well as the law itself, candidates are not responsible for the case histories although they may be helpful in gaining an understanding of the law. Candidates will not be tested on those sections of the New York laws dealing exclusively with life insurance and/or annuities.)

**NEW** ♦ *Alberta Insurance Act, Chapter 1-5, Sections 337-347.*

**NEW** ♦ *New Brunswick Insurance Act, Chapter 1-12, Sections 267.1-267.9.*

**NEW** ♦ *Newfoundland Automobile Insurance Act, Chapter A-22, Sections 48-60.*

**NEW** ♦ *Nova Scotia Insurance Act, Part VI, Chapter 231, Sections 152-158.*

**NEW** ♦ *Quebec Automobile Insurance Act, Chapter A-25, Title VII, Sections 177-183.1.*

*sification Systems, Section 412 of the Ontario Insurance Act*, September 1993, including all Appendices. (Candidates will not be responsible for the detail information.)

Report to the Congress of the United States by the Comptroller General, *Issues and Needed Improvements in State Regulation of the Insurance Business*, October 1979, Chapter 6, "Regulation of Automobile Risk Classification," pp. 102-142. (Available from U.S. General Accounting Office.)

Williams, C.A., "Regulating Property and Liability Insurance Rates Through Excess Profits Statutes," *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, September 1983, pp. 445-471.

## Shared Markets and Availability

### Readings

Wood, G.L., Lilly, C.C., Malecki, D.S., Graves, E.E. and Rosenbloom, J.S., *Personal Risk Management and Insurance* (Fourth Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1989, Vol. I, pp. 169-175, 313-325.

**SK** Lee, J.F., "The Automobile Shared Market: Significance, Developments, and Policy Issues," *Journal of Insurance Regulation*, September 1982, pp. 107-122.

## Solvency Monitoring and Guaranty Funds

### Readings

Kimball, S.L., and Denenberg, H.S., Eds., *Insurance, Government and Social Policy*, 1969, Chapters 8 and 9.

D'Arcy, S.P. "Special Issues," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science* (Second Edition), Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, pp. 541-547.

Ludwig, S., and McAuley, R., "A Nonparametric Approach to Evaluating Reinsurers' Relative Strength," *PCAS LXXV*, 1988, pp. 219-239.

**NEW** ♦ T.R.A.C. Insurance Services Ltd., *Insurance T.R.A.C. Re-*

individual company details. (Candidates are not expected to memorize details of published insurance statistics.)

**SK** Rappaport, E.B., *Insurance Company Solvency*, Congressional Research Service, 1989.

**SK** Troxel, T., and Bouchie, G.E. *Property-Liability Insurance Accounting and Finance* (Third Edition), American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, 1990, pp. 214-227.

**SK** National Association of Insurance Commissioners, *Financial Condition Examiners Handbook*, 1991, Introduction, pp. 1-15, 19-36.

• *New York Insurance Law*, Sections 1301-1303, 1305, 1308-1311, 1414, and 4117.

♦ “Insurance Companies Act,” *Financial Institutions Act*, Chapter 47, Sections: 165(1), 165(2), 203, 331(1), 331(2), 331(4), 346, 357, 359, 360, 362-370, 464, 465, 476-478, 516(1), 516(4), 517, 581, 610, 628-632, 641, 664, 665, 666(1), 666(2), 667(1), 667(2), and 674 (assented to December 13, 1991).

**SKU** National Association of Insurance Commissioners, *Post-Assessment Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Model Act*, October 1993.

## Other Issues

### Readings

National Association of Insurance Commissioners Study Committee Report, “Regulating Workers’ Compensation Groups,” *Issues in Insurance* (Fourth Edition), American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters, 1987, Vol. II, Parts I-III, VI, and IX. (The 1984 edition will also be acceptable.)

## Part 9

### Advanced Ratemaking; Individual Risk Rating

Prior to commencing study for this four-hour examination, candidates should read the “Recommendations for Study” section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining the 1995 Study Kit (which contains Study Notes and out-of-print readings), and other information important to sitting for this examination. Items marked with a bold **SK** constitute the 1995 Study Kit which is available from the CAS Office at a cost of \$45 (\$65 Canadian). The 1994 Study Kit contains the same readings as the 1995 Study Kit.

#### A. Advanced Ratemaking

Candidates for this part are expected to have acquired considerable technical knowledge and practical experience in insurance ratemaking. This examination will assume a working knowledge of basic ratemaking, and will deal with advanced problems such as those covered in the readings listed on the next page. This examination will not necessarily be limited to the excerpts expressed in the listed readings. The ability to apply ratemaking knowledge and experience may be tested through questions dealing with problems for which there are no generally recognized solutions. To some degree, they will deal with the types of practical problems which a fully-qualified actuary working in ratemaking should be able to solve.

Advanced ratemaking consists of two principal sections:

- Classification Ratemaking Topics
- Excess and Deductible Rating.

All the readings in this part should be read for illustrations of basic principles and theories, as well as any insights into advanced ratemaking problems and their solutions. In none of the readings is the derivation of formulae or equations to be stressed, but some applications of those techniques may be required. Some readings are included primarily for

## Classification Ratemaking Topics.

### Readings

Brown, R.L., "Minimum Bias with Generalized Linear Models," *PCAS LXXV*, 1988, pp. 187-218, Sections 1-5 only and associated exhibits. Including discussion of paper: Venter, G.G., *PCAS LXXVII*, 1990, pp. 337-349.

Cummins, J.D., Smith, B.D., Vance, R.N., and VanDerhei, J.L., *Risk Classification in Life Insurance*, 1983, Chapters 3-6. Candidates are not responsible for mathematical proofs. (This text can be purchased from the CAS Library for \$60 in U.S. funds or \$76 in Canadian.)

**SK** Study Note: Insurance Services Office, "Monoline-Multiline Ratemaking."

American Academy of Actuaries Committee on Risk Classification, "Risk Classification Statement of Principles," June 1980. (Available from the American Academy of Actuaries at no charge.)

Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries, "Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 12, Concerning Risk Classification," 1989. (Available from the American Academy of Actuaries at no charge.)

Dropkin, L.B., "Some Considerations on Automobile Rating Systems Utilizing Individual Driving Records," *PCAS LXXIV*, 1987, pp. 391-405. Including discussions of paper: Bailey, R.A., *PCAS LXXIV*, 1987, pp. 406-410; Feldblum, S., *PCAS LXXIV*, 1987, pp. 411-417; Philbrick, S., *PCAS LXXIV*, 1987, pp. 418-423; Svendsgaard, S., *PCAS LXXIV*, 1987, pp. 424-428.

**SK** Bailey, R.A., and Simon, L.J., "An Actuarial Note on the Credibility of Experience of a Single Private Passenger Car," *PCAS XLVI*, 1959, pp. 159-164. Including discussion of paper: Hazam, W.J., *PCAS XLVII*, 1960, pp. 150-152.

**SK** Butler, Richard J., and Worrall, John D., "Workers Compensation Benefit and Injury Claim Rates in the Seventies," *Review of Economics and Statistics*, November 1983, pp. 580-589.

## Excess and Deductible Rating

This section deals with various techniques for risk sharing between an insured and an insurer.

Candidates should have a general knowledge and understanding of deductible and excess coverages, and the problems inherent in pricing these coverages for various lines.

### Readings

Gillam, W.R., and Snader, R.H., "Fundamentals of Individual Risk Rating," Part III, available from the National Council on Compensation Insurance for the price of \$25.95.

Hogg, R.V. and Klugman, S.A., *Loss Distributions*, 1984, Chapter 5 (5.3-5.6A). (Candidates may need to review sections included in Part 4 readings. Also, note errata sheet in 1994 Study Kit.)

Lee, Y.S., "The Mathematics of Excess of Loss Coverages and Retrospective Rating—A Graphical Approach," Sections 1-3, *PCAS LXXV*, 1988, pp. 49-78.

**SK** Meyers, G.G., "An Introduction to the Competitive Market Equilibrium Risk Load Formula," submitted for publication. (Candidates are not responsible for mathematical proofs or for memorization of formulae. Also, candidates are not responsible for Appendices.)

**SK** Miccolis, R.S., "On the Theory of Increased Limits and Excess of Loss Pricing," *PCAS LXIV*, 1977, pp. 27-59. Including discussion of paper: Rosenberg, S., *PCAS LXIV*, 1977, pp. 60-73.

**SK** Finger, R.J., "Estimating Pure Premiums by Layer," *PCAS LXIII*, 1976, pp. 34-52. Including discussion of paper: Steeneck, L.R., *PCAS LXIII*, 1976, pp. 53-55.

## B. Individual Risk Rating

One of the important functions performed by an actuary is the rating of individual risks. Prior to Part 9, most of the readings were addressed to group or classification risk rating. This part provides detail readings on individual experience risk rating so that candidates will be prepared to

- Prospective rating, which is more commonly known as Experience Rating, and
- Retrospective rating.

The readings range from those that discuss the theoretical foundation of individual risk rating to those that discuss the application of various plans.

Candidates will be expected to have a good working knowledge of credibility, loss limitation, and rate modification concepts as they apply to prospective and retrospective rating; and loss distribution, insurance charge, and excess loss charge concepts as they apply to retrospective rating. Candidates can be expected to apply these concepts in a creative and problem-solving manner.

Candidates are also expected to be knowledgeable in the application of individual risk rating plans currently in use (excluding individual state pages) and should anticipate answering questions in the manner of an insurance consultant for an insured.

## Experience Rating

### Readings

Gillam, W.R., and Snader, R.H., "Fundamentals of Individual Risk Rating," Part I, available from the National Council on Compensation Insurance for the price of \$25.95.

Candidates should study the following rating plans and the forms used in the application thereof:

**SK** National Council on Compensation Insurance, *Experience Rating Plan* (as of July 1, 1992).

**SK** Insurance Services Office, *Experience and Schedule Rating Plans Applicable to General Liability*, ISO Circular GL-90-217 (Conversion to Loss Cost Basis. )

**SK** Venter, G.G., "Experience Rating—Equity and Predictive Accuracy," *NCCI Digest*, April 1987, Vol. II, Issue I, p. 27.

Gillam, W.R., "Workers' Compensation Experience Rating: What Every Actuary Should Know," *PCAS LXXIX*, 1992, Sections 1-5, pp. 215-230.

## Retrospective Rating

### Readings

Gillam, W.R., and Snader, R.H., "Fundamentals of Individual Risk Rating," Part II, 1992, available from the National Council on Compensation Insurance for the price of \$25.95.

Candidates should study the following retrospective rating plans and the forms used in the application thereof:

**SK** National Council on Compensation Insurance, *Retrospective Rating Plan Manual for Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance* (as of July 1, 1992).

**SK** Insurance Services Office, *Retrospective Rating Plan for Automobile, General Liability, Glass and Theft* (July 1989 edition).

Gillam, W.R., "Retrospective Rating: Excess Loss Factors," *PCAS LXXVIII*, 1991, pp. 1-40. (Candidates are not responsible for loss distribution formulae. )

Lee, Y.S., "The Mathematics of Excess of Loss Coverage and Retrospective Rating—A Graphical Approach," *PCAS LXXXV*, 1988, p. 64, Section 4. (Candidates are not responsible for "Other Applications" on pp. 75-76.)

Robbin, I., "Overlap Revisited: the 'Insurance Charge Reflecting Loss Limitation' Procedure," *Pricing*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion Paper Program, 1990, Vol. II, pp. 809-850. (Candidates are not responsible for Exhibits 4 and 5, and Appendix D. )

**SK** Skurnick, D., "The California Table L," *PCAS LXI*, 1974, pp. 117-140. Including the discussion of this paper: Gillam, W.R., *PCAS LXXX*, 1993 pp. 368-380. (The discussion is included in the Study Kit Update.)

## Part 10

### Financial Operations of Insurance Companies; Reinsurance, Assets, Valuation, Solvency, and Capital

Prior to commencing study for this four-hour examination, candidates should read the "Recommendations for Study" section, on pages 29-31 of this *Syllabus*, for study suggestions, guidance in obtaining the 1995 Study Kit (which includes Study Notes and out-of-print readings), and other information important to sitting for this examination. Items marked with a bold **SK** and a **SKU** constitute the 1995 Study Kit which is available from the CAS Office at a cost of \$46 (\$66 Canadian). A 1994 Study Kit update is available at a cost of \$26 (\$39 Canadian), and includes the items marked with just a bold **SKU**.

Part 10 represents the final step in the examination process and is designed to test both the breadth and depth of the candidates' understanding of the insurance process. Candidates are expected to have acquired considerable technical knowledge and practical experience during preparation for the previous examinations.

The required reading material for this examination is divided into three sections, much of which builds upon information covered in previous examinations. Questions may be asked which require use of material mastered in preparation for previous examinations.

#### A. Financial Operations of Insurance Companies

This section explores the relationship between insurance concepts, such as underwriting profits, premium-to-surplus ratios, and investment income, and financial concepts, such as interest rates, inflation rates, cost of capital, and risk premiums. The effects of federal income taxes on insurance operations are also examined.

##### Readings

The readings may be grouped into four categories:

- The Myers and Cohn, the D'Arcy and Doherty, and the Feldblum readings present financial pricing models that are currently used in the insurance industry. Candidates should pay particular attention to two questions: (1) "How do these pricing models differ from each other?" For instance, how does a net present value model differ from an internal rate of return model? and (2) "Whose point of view is represented by each model—that of the insurer, the regulator, the policyholder, or the equity provider?"
- The Insurance Accounting and Systems Association, and the Almagro and Ghezzi readings provide an overview of federal income tax law applicable to insurance companies, as well as a model for combining underwriting and investment strategy.

Candidates may find the Part 5B readings useful as background for the Part 10A material. The textbook by Brealey and Myers is important, particularly for comprehending the Ferrari and Butsic readings.

**SK** Ferrari, J.R., "The Relationship of Underwriting, Investments, Leverage, and Exposure to Total Return on Owners' Equity," *PCAS LV*, 1968, pp. 295-302. Includes discussions: Balcarek, R.J., *PCASLVI*, 1969, pp. 58-60; Bailey, R.A., *PCASLVI*, 1969, pp. 60-62.

Roth, R., "Analysis of Surplus and Rate of Return Without Using Leverage Ratios," *Insurer Financial Solvency*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion Paper Program, 1992, Vol. I, pp. 439-464.

D'Arcy, S.P., "Investment Issues in Property Liability Insurance," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science* (Second Edition), Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, Chapter 8, pp. 509-525.

**SK** Butsic, R.P., "The Effect of Inflation on Losses and Premiums for Property-Liability Insurers," *Inflation Implications for Property-Casualty Insurance*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion Paper Program, 1981, pp. 58-102. Includes discussion of paper: Balcarek, R.J., pp. 103-109.

Butsic, R.P., "Determining the Proper Interest Rate for Loss Reserve Discounting: An Economic Approach," *Evaluating Insurance Company Liabilities*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion



D'Arcy, S.P., and Doherty, N.A., *The Financial Theory of Pricing Property-Liability Insurance Contracts*, 1988, Chapters 1-4, 7, and 8 (except pp. 89-91).

SK Feldblum, S., "Pricing Insurance Policies: The Internal Rate of Return Model," 1992.

NEW Insurance Accounting and Systems Association, *Property-Liability Insurance Accounting* (Sixth Edition), 1994. (Candidates will receive notification of the correct page numbers no later than January 15.)

Almagro, M., and Ghezzi, T.L., "Federal Income Taxes—Provisions Affecting Property/Casualty Insurers," *PCAS LXXV*, 1988, pp. 95-162.

## B. Reinsurance

This section deals with various techniques for risk sharing between an insurer and a reinsurer.

Candidates should have a general knowledge and understanding of the various types of reinsurance, the purpose and/or function of each type, reinsurance programs, reinsurer underwriting, the effects of reinsurance transactions on company operating results and other financial information, as well as methods employed to analyze costs.

### Readings

Strain, R.W., (Ed.) *Reinsurance*, The College of Insurance, 1980, Chapters 3, 9, and 12. (Candidates may find the following companion book helpful in preparing for this material: *Reinsurance Practices—A Workbook with Cases*, Strain, R.W. (Ed.), The College of Insurance, 1982. However, no questions will be taken directly from this workbook.)

SK Brockett, P.L., Witt, R.C., and Aird, P.R., "An Overview of Reinsurance and the Reinsurance Markets," *Journal of Insurance Regulation*, March 1991, Vol. 9, No. 3, pp. 432-454.

SK Financial Accounting Standards Board, "Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, No. 113, Accounting and Reporting for Reinsurance of Short-Duration and Long-Duration Contracts," December 1992 Summary plus pp. 1-10 and 37-46 (Appendix

Reinarz, R.C., Schloss, J.O., Patrik, G.S., and Kensicki, P.R., *Reinsurance Practices*, Insurance Institute of America, 1990, Vol. I, Chapter 3; Vol. II, Chapters 9, 10, and 11.

Patrik, G.S., "Reinsurance," *Foundations of Casualty Actuarial Science* (Second Edition), Casualty Actuarial Society, 1992, Chapter 6, pp. 277-374.

Ludwig, S.J., "An Exposure Rating Approach to Pricing Property Excess-of-Loss Reinsurance," *PCAS LXXVIII*, 1991, pp. 110-145.

Stone, J.M., "Theory of Capacity and the Insurance of Catastrophe Risks," *The Journal of Risk and Insurance*, June 1973, Vol. XL No. 2, Part I, p. 231, and September 1973, Vol. XL No. 3, Part II, p. 339.

SKU National Association of Insurance Commissioners, "Reinsurance," *Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual for Property/Casualty Companies*, 1994, Chapter 22.

## C. Assets, Valuation, Solvency and Capital

This section presents an introduction to concepts involved in asset and investment risk, asset liability management, valuation and solvency of the insurance enterprise including dynamic solvency testing and finally the NAIC risk based capital requirements. It provides important educational material associated with the appointed actuary concept.

While there is overlap between these topics, the readings can be grouped as follows:

- The Maginn and Tuttle reading deals with investment strategy, asset risk, and portfolio construction; the Altman reading presents both a study of bond default rates using a mortality model as well as a measure of overall performance across a spectrum of bonds; the Fama and Schwert reading investigates the efficacy of various assets as inflation hedges. These topics are important in assessing potential effects on a company's assets from changing external environments.
- The Ferguson, Norris, Panning and Feldblum 1989 readings

- The Willenborg paper provides an overview of insolvency issues, while the Daykin text covers dynamic solvency testing through stochastic modeling of an insurance enterprise.
- The Feldblum (1994) and Butsic readings present NAIC risk based capital and some related issues.

Candidates are expected to develop an understanding of the various issues, concepts and techniques presented in the readings and, for risk based capital, also to know specifics of how the formula works. Candidates will be expected to be able to synthesize material from other examinations and examination parts with material in this part.

### Readings

**NEW** Maginn, J.L. and Tuttle, D.L. eds., *Managing Investment Portfolios: A Dynamic Process* (Second Edition), Warren, Gorham & Lamont, 1990, pp. 2-11 to 2-39, 4-40 to 4-68, 5-48 to 5-63, 6-2 to 6-28, 7-1 to 7-25, 8-1 to 8-71.

**SKU** Altman, E.I., "Measuring Corporate Bond Mortality and Performance," *The Journal of Finance*, Volume 44, No. 4, September 1989, pp. 909-922.

**SKU** Fama, E.F. and Schwert, G.W., "Asset Returns and Inflation," *Journal of Financial Economics*, Volume 5, 1977, pp. 115-146. (Note: Candidates will not be responsible for reproducing equations, but will be responsible for interpreting equations, being able to describe the more important relationships and understanding the concepts contained therein.)

Ferguson, R.E., "Duration," *PCAS LXX*, 1983, pp. 265-288. Including discussion of paper: D'Arcy, S., *PCAS LXXI*, 1984, pp. 8-25.

**SK** Noris, P.D., "Asset/Liability Management Strategies for Property and Casualty Companies," (Excluding sections I, II, V, and VI), Morgan Stanley, May 1985.

**SKU** Panning, W.H., "Asset Liability Management for a Going Concern," to be published in *Journal of Risk and Insurance*.

Feldblum, S., "Asset Liability Matching For Property/Casualty Insurers," *Valuation Issues*, Casualty Actuarial Society, Special

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**SK** Miccolis, R.S., "An Investigation of Methods, Assumptions, and Risk Modeling for the Valuation of Property-Casualty Insurance Companies," *Financial Analysis of Insurance Companies*, Casualty Actuarial Society Discussion Paper Program, 1987, pp. 281-321.

**SK** Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries, "Actuarial Standards of Practice No. 19, Actuarial Appraisals (Doc. No. 034)," 1991.

Casualty Actuarial Society, "Statement of Principles Regarding Property and Casualty Valuations as adopted September 22, 1989," *Casualty Actuarial Society Yearbook*, 1994, pp. 209-215.

**NEW** Willenborg, M., "Financial Statement Analysis in the Property/Casualty Industry," *Journal of Insurance Regulation*, Volume 10, No. 3 (Spring 1992), pp. 268-312.

**NEW** Daykin, C.D., Pentikäinen, T., and Pesonen, M. *Practical Risk Theory for Actuaries* (First Edition), 1994, Chapman and Hall; Sections 7.3, 8.4(a), 8.4(b), 8.4(c), 8.4(d), 8.5, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5.4, 9.6, Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, Sections 14.1, 14.2, 14.3(a), 14.3(b), 14.4, 14.6(a), 14.6(b), 14.6(c), 14.6(d), 14.6(e), 14.6(f), 14.6(g). (Note: Candidates will not be responsible for reproducing equations, other than the Cash Flow Equation and the Accounting Equation, but will be responsible for interpreting equations, being able to describe the more important relationships and understanding the concepts contained therein. Also, the candidate may find it useful to refer to other non-included parts of this text in chapters 1 through 14. However, questions will not be drawn from these parts.)

**SKU** Feldblum, S., CAS Study Note "Risk Based Capital Requirements," 1994. Some of the Study Note may not be covered on the examination. The Study Note itself will specify what, if anything, will not be covered.

**SKU** Butsic, R.P., "Solvency Measurement for Property-Liability

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## Index to Text References

Most of these text references may be obtained on loan from the CAS Library. Material that is new in 1995 will be made available as soon as possible. The following information is furnished for those who wish to purchase the text references cited in the examination part descriptions.

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- 8 *Alberta Insurance Act*, Public Affairs Bureau, 11510 Kingsway Ave., Alberta, Canada T5G 2Y5, telephone: (403) 427-4952.
- 3B, 4-10 Actuarial Bookstore, PO Box 1229, Dover, NH 03821-1229, telephone: (603) 742-1806, fax: (603) 749-9151. Credit Card orders accepted.
- 9 American Academy of Actuaries, Suite 800, 475 N. Martingale Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173-2226. *Risk Classification Statement of Principles*.
- 7, 10 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, *Audits of Fire and Casualty Insurance Companies*, Chapter 9, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, P.O. Box 1003, New York, NY 10108-1003, telephone: (212) 576-6200.
- 3, 4, 8, 10 American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, Order Department: P.O. Box 3016, 720 Providence Road, Malvern, PA 19355-0716, telephone: (610) 644-2100; fax: (610) 640-9576.
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- 3 Burden, R.L., and Faires, J.D., *Numerical Analysis* (Third Edition), PWS Publishers, 20 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.
- 8 Bureau of Insurance, Richmond, Virginia, *Competition in the Property and Casualty Insurance Industry*, January 1978, Bureau of Insurance, State Corporation Commission, Richmond, VA 23219.
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