

CERTIFICATE IN PENSIONS CALCULATIONS

RETIREMENTS PART 2

RETIREMENT BENEFITS WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026 **9.30 AM – 11 AM**

TIME ALLOWED: **1 HOUR 30 MINUTES**

1. Answer **ALL** the questions.
2. Type all your answers in the answer box provided.
3. Show all your workings clearly.
4. Calculate the benefits payable and the options available using only the information given.
5. Where any relevant benefits are likely to exceed either the remaining Lump Sum Allowance or the Lump Sum & Death Benefit Allowance, clearly state in your answer that you would refer the case to your manager.
6. Round all factors and figures in accordance with the instructions provided in the *Tables of Factors* and the *Scheme / Plan Booklets*.

Questions

Section A – Calculations (Questions 1 and 2)

Calculate the benefits payable and the options available for:

- **JESSICA ABBOTT – (OPQ)**
- **NIKHIL CHAUDHARY – (XYZ)**

Section B – Draft Letter (Question 3)

Analyse a draft *Letter* that has been written to communicate the benefits payable and the options available for:

- **NIKHIL CHAUDHARY – (XYZ)**

The draft *Letter* requires data derived from answering the *Case Study* to be accurately transcribed to the answer box. In addition, expected basic information not communicated in the draft *Letter* needs to be identified and detailed in the answer box, whilst information wrongly communicated in the draft *Letter* also needs to be identified and corrected in the answer box.

Using the answer box provided:

- a) Transcribe data derived from answering the *Case Study* (*the data to be transcribed is specifically indicated in the draft Letter by a capital letter in brackets*).
- b) Identify and detail expected basic information which has been omitted from the draft *Letter* (*there are 2 to 4 omissions to be identified and detailed*).
- c) Identify and correct information which has been wrongly communicated in the draft *Letter* (*there are 2 to 4 errors to be identified and corrected*).

Personal Retirement Account details

Member's Current Unit Holdings

Fund	Member's normal contributions	Employer's normal contributions	Member's AVCs
	Unit Holdings	Unit Holdings	Unit Holdings
Global Equity Fund	2,845.0900	4,552.1440	
Index Linked Bond Fund	2,445.9280	3,913.4848	
Balanced Fund			
Corporate Bond Fund	4,982.5050	7,972.0080	10,968.4020
Cash Fund	7,998.3500	12,797.3600	3,975.4820
Lifestyle Fund			

Investment Fund Unit Prices

Fund	Current Unit Price (£)
Global Equity Fund	5.147
Index Linked Bond Fund	1.380
Balanced Fund	4.177
Corporate Bond Fund	2.624
Cash Fund	1.299

Special circumstances / additional information

Jessica Abbott has requested quotations assuming she uses the overall value of her Personal Retirement Account to take either (a) the maximum tax-free cash sum available to her, with the balance being used to purchase a 50% joint-life annuity, increasing annually at the lower of 3.0% or RPI; or (b) a tax-free cash sum of £25,000.00 (provided this is within HMRC limits), with the balance being used to purchase a 50% joint-life annuity, increasing annually at the lower of 5.0% or RPI. When providing quotations for the annuity options, Jessica Abbott has requested that the "Annuity Bureau" factors should be used.

Jessica Abbott has additionally requested a quotation assuming she takes the entire proceeds of her Personal Retirement Account as a single Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum (UFPLS).

Jessica Abbott's current available Lump Sum Allowance ('LSA') is £89,425.00.

Jessica Abbott's current available Lump Sum & Death Benefit Allowance ('LS&DBA') is £894,250.00.

Event history

Date of first event **31/05/2026** First event **RETIREMENT**

Date of second event Second event

Member details

Surname **CHAUDHARY** Forenames **NIKHIL**

Date of birth **02/08/1964** Gender **MALE**

Spouse's date of birth **09/09/1974**

Child dependant's date of birth

Date of joining company **04/02/1985**

Date of joining scheme **04/03/1985**

Category of membership **A**

Pensionable salary history for the scheme year commencing 6 April

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
34,000	35,300	37,200	39,000	40,475	42,500	44,000	46,500	45,500

Contribution history

Total member's normal contributions **£ 52,497.38**

Total member's AVCs **£**

Current value of AVCs **£**

Single life AVC pension (per annum) payable immediately **£**

Joint life AVC pension (per annum) payable immediately **£**

Contracting-out details at date of first event

Pre 06/04/1988

GMP (per annum) £ 148.20

Post 05/04/1988

GMP (per annum) £ 2,100.28

Special circumstances / additional information

Nikhil Chaudhary paid the default contribution rate (70ths accrual) from the date he joined the XYZ Pension and Life Assurance Scheme until 5 April 1993. From 6 April 1993, Nikhil Chaudhary varied his contribution rate to build up the following rates of pension accrual:

- 6 April 1993 to 5 April 2008 = 60ths
- 6 April 2008 to 5 April 2014 = 80ths
- 6 April 2014 to 5 April 2019 = 70ths
- 6 April 2019 onwards = 60ths

When being provided with the tax-free cash sum option, Nikhil Chaudhary has specified that he would like to take £125,000.00 as a cash sum, subject to this being within the maximum permitted under the rules of the XYZ Pension and Life Assurance Scheme.

Nikhil Chaudhary's current available Lump Sum Allowance ('LSA') is £268,275.00.

Nikhil Chaudhary's current available Lump Sum & Death Benefit Allowance ('LS&DBA') is £1,073,100.00.

THIS CASE STUDY ALSO RELATES TO THE DRAFT LETTER (QUESTION 3)

Nikhil Chaudhary

Address 1

Address 2

Address 3

Address 4

Post Code

14 May 2026

Dear Mr Chaudhary

The XYZ Pension & Life Assurance Scheme (“the Scheme”)

I refer to your early retirement from the Scheme on 31 May 2025.

You have the following options:

Option 1: Full Pension

- Full pension of [A] per annum, which is made up of:
 - Pre-1988 Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) of [B] per annum
 - Post-1988 GMP of [C] per annum
 - Non-GMP (excess pension) of [D] per annum

OR

Option 2: Tax-Free Cash Sum and Residual Pension

- Your ‘elected’ tax-free cash sum of [E]

PLUS
- Residual pension of [F] per annum, which is made up of:
 - Pre-1988 Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) of [G] per annum
 - Post-1988 GMP of [H] per annum
 - Non-GMP (excess pension) of [I] per annum

Based on our records, your ‘elected’ tax-free cash sum is within your current available Lump Sum Allowance of [J] and your current available Lump Sum & Death Benefit Allowance of [K].

Payment of Pension

Your pension will be paid monthly in advance. It will be payable for life and will be subject to PAYE. The first payment will be made on 1 June 2026.

Pension Increases

Your pension will be increased on 6 April each year, in the following way:

Before GMP Age (65)

Your entire pension will be increased by 5% per annum, or by the increase in the Retail Prices Index (“RPI”), if less.

After GMP Age (65)

Your pension will be increased as follows:

- Pre-1988 GMP will not receive any increases from the Scheme
- Post-1988 GMP will be increased by 3% per annum, or by the increase in the Consumer Prices Index (“CPI”), if less
- Non-GMP (excess pension) will be increased by 5% per annum, or by the increase in the CPI, if less

Death in Retirement

A spouse’s pension of [L] per annum will be payable in the event of your death in retirement. This amount will be the same whether you take **Option 1** or **Option 2**.

The spouse’s pension will be adjusted to reflect any pension increases applied between your retirement and the date of your death. Once in payment, the spouse’s pension will be payable for life and will be subject to PAYE. The pension will increase in payment at the same rates as your own pension.

If you die within five years of taking your pension, the balance of any unpaid pension instalments will be payable to your Estate. The balance will be based on your current pension when you die, and any payment will count against your remaining Lump Sum and Death Benefit Allowance.

Documents Required

- Your original birth certificate
- The enclosed option form, completed and signed by you
- The enclosed bank details form, completed and signed by you
- The enclosed Lump Sum Allowance Declaration form, completed and signed by you

If you have any queries, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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