CERTIFICATE IN PENSIONS CALCULATIONS

DEATHS PART 1

DEATH BENEFITS WITHOUT SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

MONDAY 6 JULY 2026	**08.30 AM – 10.00 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 death benefits payable using only the information given.

5. Where any relevant death benefits are likely to exceed the remaining 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 death benefits payable for:

- **CHAD RUSHMORE – (OPQ)**
- **PAULINE SHREWSBURY – (XYZ)**

Section B – Draft Letter (Question 3)

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

- **PAULINE SHREWSBURY – (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***).

CASE STUDY DETAILS **OPQ PLAN** **DEATHS PART 1 QUESTION 1**

Event history

Date of first event	**11/05/2009**	First event	**PRESERVED LEAVER**
Date of second event	**03/07/2026**	Second event	**DEATH**

Member details

Surname	**RUSHMORE**	Forenames	**CHAD**
Date of birth	**06/02/1970**	Gender	**MALE**

Spouse's date of birth	**05/04/1971**
Child dependant's date of birth	
Date of joining company	**07/06/2000**
Date of joining plan	**07/06/2000**
Target retirement date	**07/06/2030**

Annual salary history for the plan year commencing 6 April

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026

Contribution history

Total member's normal contributions	**£ 22,325.10**
Total employer's normal contributions	**£ 35,720.15**
Total member's AVCs	**£**

Personal Retirement Account details

Member's Current Unit Holdings

Fund	Member's normal contributions Unit Holdings	Employer's normal contributions Unit Holdings	Member's AVCs Unit Holdings
Global Equity Fund			
Index Linked Bond Fund			
Balanced Fund			
Corporate Bond Fund			
Cash Fund			
Lifestyle Fund	7,650.1211	12,240.1938	

Investment Fund Unit Prices

Fund	Current Unit Price (£)
Global Equity Fund	6.013
Index Linked Bond Fund	1.528
Balanced Fund	5.189
Corporate Bond Fund	1.815
Cash Fund	1.870

Special circumstances / additional information

Chad Rushmore's current available Lump Sum & Death Benefit Allowance (LS&DBA) is £978,530.00.

CASE STUDY DETAILS **XYZ SCHEME** **DEATHS PART 1 QUESTION 2**

Event history

Date of first event	**05/07/2026**	First event	**DEATH**
Date of second event		Second event	

Member details

Surname	**SHREWSBURY**	Forenames	**PAULINE**
Date of birth	**22/06/1969**	Gender	**FEMALE**

Spouse's date of birth	**15/12/1979**
Child dependant's date of birth	
Date of joining company	**18/06/1993**
Date of joining scheme	**18/07/1993**
Category of membership	**A**

Pensionable salary history for the scheme year commencing 6 April

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
68,150	69,226	72,150	74,996	75,100	78,922	77,600	71,350	72,555

Contribution history

Total member's normal contributions	**£ 103,011.90**
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)	**£**	

Post 05/04/1988

GMP (per annum)	**£**	**551.20**

Special circumstances / additional information

Salary at date of first event	**£**	**72,350.00**

Pauline Shrewsbury'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)

DRAFT LETTER **XYZ SCHEME** **DEATHS PART 1**
QUESTION 3

Mr Shrewsbury
Address 1
Address 2
Address 3
Post Code

6 July 2026

Dear Mr Shrewsbury,

The XYZ Pension and Life Assurance Scheme (the Scheme) – Pauline Shrewsbury (Deceased)

Date of Death: 5 July 2026

I write further to receiving notification of the death of this member. Please accept my condolences for your loss.

Details of the benefits payable from the Scheme are set out below.

<u>Lump sum death benefit</u>

As the deceased member died in active service before Normal Pension Date (NPD), there is a lump sum death benefit (LSDB) payable of [**A**]. This amount is made up of:

- Life Assurance [**B**]
- Refund of Scheme Contributions [**C**]

The LSDB is payable to the deceased member's Legal Personal Representatives.

The LSDB is within the deceased member's available Lump Sum & Death Benefit Allowance (LS&DBA) of [**D**].

<u>Spouse's pension</u>

A spouse's pension is payable to you of [**E**] per annum. This includes:

- [**F**] per annum of Widower's Guaranteed Minimum Pension accrued from 6 April 1988 (post-1988 WGMP)

- [**G**] per annum of excess pension, which is the balance above your post-1988 WGMP

Payment of pension

Your spouse's pension will commence on 1 August 2026. The pension will be payable for life, and the payments will be treated as taxable income through PAYE.

Pension increases

Once in payment, your spouse’s pension will be increased each year on 1 August. Your post-1988 WGMP will be increased by the lower of the rise in the Retail Prices Index (RPI) and 3.0%, and the balance of your pension above your post-1988 WGMP will be increased by the lower of the rise in the RPI and 5.0%.

Details required

Before your spouse's pension can be put into payment, the following will be required:

1) The deceased member's original death certificate

2) Your (and the deceased member’s) original marriage certificate

3) Your original birth certificate

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

AN Other