Questions on Insurance, Pension and Collective Investment:

- 1. What is the purpose of insurance and why do people pay premiums even though the premiums add up to less than they expect to lose?
- 2. What are underwriters, and what do they do?
- 3. How is insurance obtained?
- 4. Distinguish between the two main types of insurance.
- 5. Explain the following key elements to insurance: asymmetric information; adverse selection; moral hazard.
- 6. What is a pension?
- 7. Distinguish between funded and unfunded pension schemes, and give the advantages and drawbacks of each type of pension.
- 8. Describe and explain the roles played by trustees, consultants and managers in running defined benefit funded pension schemes.
- 9. How do defined benefit schemes differ from defined contribution schemes?
- 10. What is the difference between a public and private pension?
- 11. What are collective funds, and what are the advantages and disadvantages?
- 12. Explain the differences between open- and closed-ended funds, including a description of four types of open-ended investment vehicles.
- 13. How does a unit trust differ from an investment trust?
- 14. What is an ETF? What are sovereign wealth funds?